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Young problem solvers

Next generation team leaders problem solve with mayor for competition

Around the table

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney (above, right) and members and coaches with the Madison Junior High School academic team listen as eighth grader Jack Heckler (standing) explains the purpose of a recent roundtable discussion at Madison City Hall with the mayor. Heckler (below right) leads the roundtable discussion and takes notes on the white board as Courtney listens to the students' ideas while brainstorming for the team's next submission for a contest with Future Problem Solving Program International. Science teacher Kenton Mahoney (left), one of the academic team coaches, frames the objective of the discussion. (Courier staff photos by Mark Campbell)

By COLLIN OVERTON
Courier staff writer

Madison's next generation of leaders made their concerns known at City Hall Monday, but it'll be a few years before they're old enough to run for office.

The Madison Junior High academic team sought Mayor Bob Courtney's advice Monday while brainstorming their next submission for a contest with Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI), a program that aims to get youth thinking critically about future problems and solutions. School teams submit entries to multiple contests each year, and navigate an eight-step process to solve complex problems and compile a report to send to FPSPI, academic team coach and science teacher Kenton Mahoney said.

This time of year, the students are on their third submission. Madison middle schoolers finished second in the state on their first two submissions.

"We want to get that first place," Mahoney told Courtney, outlining the

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Police: Don't bring pot home from places it's now legal

By BEN MIDDLEKAMP
(Greenfield) Daily Reporter

Recreational marijuana sales are ramping up in Michigan. In less than two weeks, it will be legal in Illinois, making it the second state bordering Indiana where adults 21 and older can legally smoke pot.

Police and prosecutors in Hancock County say that probably means more marijuana will make its way into Indiana and Hancock County. "It would seem that it's more likely we'll see more than we'll see less," Prosecutor Brent Eaton said.

But law enforcement officials have a message for anyone trying to bring pot from neighboring states: It's still illegal in Indiana, regardless of where it's purchased.

Six shops in Michigan, mostly in Ann Arbor, began selling marijuana for recreational use on Dec. 1. The licensed sellers opened to long lines of customers and reported about $1.6 million in sales during the first week.

Illinois starts allowing sales in January.

Nearly two-thirds of states have legalized marijuana, mainly for medical uses, even though federal health officials issued a new warning in August that smoking the drug is dangerous for adolescents, pregnant women and their developing babies.

Gov. Eric Holcomb, in an interview earlier this year with the Daily Reporter, insisted marijuana use should remain illegal in Indiana as long as the federal government classifies marijuana as a dangerous drug. A move to legalize recreational use here seems unlikely, because top lawmakers agree with him.

Eaton said he took an oath to uphold the law, one he takes seriously.

"Ultimately the people of Hancock County do not want a prosecutor to become a superior legislator and arbitrarily begin to decide which parts of the code are fit to be enforced and which are not," he said. "…It's not the role of the prosecutor to take authority away from legislators and the governor."

Fortville Police Chief Bill Knauer also thinks the actions in Illinois and Michigan could lead to more marijuana turning up in Indiana.

"My initial feeling is if it's in the states bordering ours, there's going to be more of it here," he said.

And, like Eaton, he warned anyone thinking about bringing pot home from Michigan or Illinois.

"Persons caught with it will be prosecuted under the law," Knauer said. "We're still going to enforce marijuana laws just like we are today. Until it becomes legal in Indiana, that's the way we'll do it."

McCordsville Police Chief Paul Casey doesn't think the new laws will have much of an impact here. But he agrees it could be an issue in border counties.

Like Knauer, Casey said police will treat marijuana possession as they always have. He reminded anyone thinking of making a road trip to Illinois or Michigan that the McCordsville Police Department has a new drug-detecting K9 officer, Mattis.

"We plan on moving forward as is until laws in Indiana change," he said.

Holiday changes in publications

It's that season of the year when we adjust our schedules because of the holidays.

Because Christmas and New Year's are on Wednesdays this year, we will publish only two newspapers each week, one on Tuesday and the other on Saturday. We will not have a Thursday edition either week.

We will return to our normal Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday publication effective the week of Jan. 5, 2020. For our home-delivery subscribers, your subscription will be extended two extra days to make up for the two Thursdays we won't publish.

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Obituary updates will be available at noon Christmas and New Year's Day at www.madisoncourier.com or by calling 812-265-3641, Ext 238.

— Curt Jacobs, Publisher

Holiday closings & schedule changes

JEFFERSON COUNTY

The Jefferson County Courthouse will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas as well as Wednesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

Trash dropoff

Dec. 24/Dec. 31	Deputy
Dec. 25/Jan. 1	No Service
Dec. 26/Jan. 2	Dupont
Dec. 27/Jan. 3	Rykers Ridge
Dec. 28/Jan. 4	Canaan/Brooksburg

CITY OF MADISON

Madison City Hall will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas as well as Wednesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

Madison trash pickup

Trash pickup will be on schedule Tuesday, Dec. 24 and one-day late the remainder of the week.

Madison transfer station

Dec. 24	8-11:30 a.m.
Dec. 25	Closed
Jan. 1	Closed

CITY OF HANOVER

Hanover Town Hall will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas as well as Wednesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

Trash pickup

Hanover trash pickup will be delayed one day the next two weeks with pickup on Saturday, Dec. 28 and Saturday, Jan. 4

JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Jefferson County Health Department will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas and Wednesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

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30-plus years of 'Garfield' comic strips to sell at auction

Indiana

UNDATED — Cartoonist Jim Davis is offering up more than 11,000 "Garfield" comic strips hand-drawn on paper in an auction that will stretch into the coming years, with at least a couple of strips featuring the always-hungry orange cat with a sardonic sense of humor available weekly. "There are just so many, and it was such a daunting task to figure what to do with them so that they could be out there where people enjoy them too," said Davis, creator of the comic strip that appears in newspapers around the world and has spawned TV shows, movies and books. Dallas-based Heritage Auctions began offering up the strips in August. The auction house is selling two daily strips each week, along with longer Sunday strips being offered during the large-scale auctions throughout the year. The strips span from the launch of "Garfield" in 1978 to 2011, when Davis began drawing the strip digitally. He says he still draws it by hand but now it's with a stylus on a tablet instead of on paper with a pencil, pen and brush. Davis says that over the years he gave some strips to family, friends and staff, while others are on displays at museums, including the Smithsonian Institution, and he even tried selling them on his website for a few years. But he kept most of them, he says, storing them in a fireproof, climate-controlled vault.

Lilly now 2nd-largest private U.S. foundation

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment is now the nation's second-largest private charitable foundation, trailing only the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a new analysis has found. FoundationMark, which tracks the investment performance of more than 40,000 foundations, performed the analysis of top foundation assets. It found that the Lilly Endowment's assets reached $15.1 billion at the end of 2018, pushing it ahead of the Ford Foundation and the J. Paul Getty Trust, which had assets of $13.1 billion and $13.2 billion, respectively. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation remained by far the largest private foundation, with $46.9 billion in assets, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported. The rise in the Lilly Endowment's ranking comes after it had a strong year in asset performance. From 2017 to 2018, the endowment's assets grew 29%, marking two years in a row of growth for the foundation. That large gain is largely attributed to the 37% rise in stock price of Eli Lilly and Co. in 2018. The Lilly Endowment was founded in 1937 with gifts of Lilly stock by three members of the Lilly family. The endowment is a separate entity from the drug maker, with a distinct governing board, staff and location.

Gunman in standoff with officers dies

LYNN — A 44-year-old Randolph County man has died following a shootout with police in eastern Indiana. John Resetar died at a hospital after officers found him Friday evening wounded and unconscious in his Lynn home, about 67 miles northeast of Indianapolis near the state line with Ohio, Indiana State Police said Sunday. Randolph County sheriff's deputies and Lynn officers were sent to the home about 3 p.m. Friday after Resetar's wife called emergency dispatchers about a domestic situation involving her husband who she said was armed. Shots were fired at officers as they spoke outside with her, according to state police. More shots were fired as other officers arrived and set a perimeter around the home. The officers returned fire, state police said. Two officers with the Lynn and Farmland police departments and a Randolph County deputy suffered minor injuries from shrapnel. Police SWAT team members entered the home about 8 p.m. Friday and found Resetar. Firearms and several rounds of ammunition also were found in the home.

Influx of seagulls brings 'beach' to Terre Haute

TERRE HAUTE — Unusually large flocks of seagulls have descended on Terre Haute, bringing the sounds of the beach to a local reservoir where the birds began gathering in late November. Residents near Hulman Lake on Terre Haute's east side have seen hundreds of ring-billed seagulls in the skies over the reservoir since the birds began flocking around Thanksgiving. Peter Scott, a retired Indiana State University ecology professor who directs an annual Christmas Bird Count around Terre Haute, estimated that between 400 and 1,000 of the birds have congregated at the lake. He said ring-billed gulls aren't uncommon in Indiana, but they prefer to winter around larger bodies of water like southern Indiana's Lake Monroe. Scott said their appearance in large numbers at Hulman Lake is rare. "So, there must be an unusual abundance of some favored prey item," he told the Tribune-Star. Scott said the birds are most likely feeding on small fish in the lake. Carissa Lovett, the naturalist at nearby Dobbs Park, said the gulls' cries have been enthralling and reminiscent of the sounds of oceanside beaches. "Just close your eyes and listen, and you're at the beach," she said.

STATE BRIEFS

Wildlife center mourns ambassador owl

VALPARAISO — A northern Indiana wildlife center's staff is mourning the death of an owl that was its longtime winged ambassador and also nurtured more 20 baby owls until they could be released into the wild. Drew, an eastern screech owl, was found dead in mid-December in his enclosure at Humane Indiana Wildlife in Valparaiso, where the rehabilitation center's staff said he died of old age. The center said in a message it was announcing the death of the white and brown-speckled owl with "a very heavy heart." The raptor was taken to the center in 2016 by a resident, who rescued Drew after he was struck by a vehicle in nearby Chesterton. The accident left the owl blinded in his left eye, but that didn't stop Drew from being an active ambassador on behalf of his feathered family. Drew and his human coworker, Nicole, took part in more than 250 outreach programs and center said that more than 15,000 people, many of them children, met the owl.

Roncalli coach charged in cafeteria incident

INDIANAPOLIS — An administrator at a Catholic high school in Indianapolis has been charged with a misdemeanor in a dispute with a 14-year-old student in the cafeteria. Bob Tully is in the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, and the field at Roncalli High School is named for him. The Indianapolis Star said students told police that Tully put a choke hold on a student during a dispute over a food spill on Dec. 6. Tully denied choking the teen. He told investigators that the student was laughing at him. He said he put his hands on the student's shoulder and pushed him down in his seat, "not knowing what the student was going to do," the Star reported. Tully, vice president for mission and ministry at Roncalli, is on paid leave while he deals with the battery charge, archdiocese spokesman Greg Otolski said.

Kentucky

KSP food drive collects more than 236 tons

FRANKFORT — Kentucky State Police collected more than 236 tons of food for Kentucky families with the 10th annual "Cram the Cruiser" food drive. "Helping those in need is the core of what being a member of the KSP family really is — service to others," Sgt. Josh Lawson, spokesman for the state police, said in a news release. Post 16 in Owensboro collected the most this year with a total of 60,925 pounds of food. Post commander Capt. Brenton Ford credited Master Trooper Corey King for organizing the drive there and also recognized the support of local people and businesses, a state police news release said. State police initiated the program in 2010 to help families in need in local post and region areas. Since then, the agency has contributed nearly 2 million pounds of food to shelters, food banks and churches around the state.

Reward offered as more horses shot to death

PRESTONSBURG — Six more horses have been found fatally shot near a strip mine site in eastern Kentucky, according to authorities. Animal rescue group Dumas Rescue says the six horses appear to have been killed during the same shooting that killed at least 15 other horses along U.S. 23 near the Floyd-Pike County line, WYMT-TV reported. The other horses bodies were found early last week. It's unclear when exactly the six new bodies were found. Tonya Conn with Dumas Rescue has said that the dead horses were scattered over a large area and it appears they were hunted. The station says a $20,000 reward is being offered for information on the shootings. Authorities have said some of the slain horses were young and some were pregnant. "This is very inhumane and it's a very cruel act of somebody who just apparently had nothing else to do or whatever just to go back on a strip job and shoot down horses who were, one of them obviously was feeding, had grass in its mouth," Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt said. "It looked like a battlefield for just horses."

First woman named minority floor leader

FRANKFORT — Kentucky House Democrats made history Friday by selecting state Rep. Joni Jenkins as their top-ranking leader, making her the first woman to serve as the party's floor leader in the chamber. Jenkins, who was first elected to the House in 1994, will succeed Rocky Adkins as the House minority floor leader. Adkins ended his decades-long House career recently when he accepted the job as senior adviser to Gov. Andy Beshear. Adkins finished runner-up to Beshear in this year's Democratic primary for governor. With Adkins' departure from the House, Jenkins moves up the leadership ladder. She has served as minority whip, a role that will be filled by Rep. Angie Hatton of Whitesburg. By assuming the role of minority floor leader, Jenkins will become the leading voice for Democrats in the Republican-dominated chamber. Democrats hold 37 seats in the 100-member chamber, and nearly half of them are women. Two seats that were held by Democrats are currently vacant. "It's one more glass ceiling that gets broken," Jenkins said of her election as minority leader. "I hope it's a message to young women and young men that there's room for everybody at the table, and every voice should be heard." Jenkins said she's confident that Republicans and Democrats will work together on an array of issues next year. She said education, health care and child welfare — including adoption and foster care — as issues for potential common ground. But when differences surface, she'll be a forceful advocate for Democratic ideas.

Beshear: Ky. to continue accepting refugees

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear has turned down an offer from President Donald Trump's administration to halt refugee resettlement. "Kentucky has welcomed refugees for well over three decades," the Democratic governor wrote in a letter dated Tuesday to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. "Refugees in Louisville, Lexington, Bowling Green, Owensboro and other locales have contributed to the workforce and economic development of our state." About half of the states have consented to keep accepting refugees. No states so far have said they plan to stop accepting refugees under Trump's order. Even if a state opts out under Trump's order, refugees could still move there, but they wouldn't get funding for medical assistance and screenings, employment, social adjustment services and English language training. In September, Trump slashed the number of refugees allowed into the U.S. and authorized state and local governments to refuse to accept them. An executive order says that if a state or a locality has not consented to receive refugees then refugees should not be resettled within the state or locality unless the secretary of state decides otherwise.

Market owners charged in food stamp fraud

BOONEVILLE — The owner of a market in an eastern Kentucky county has been charged with food stamp fraud totaling more than $2 million. A federal grand jury indicted Billy Joe Goe, owner of Joe's Meat Market in Owsley County, and his son Robert Goe on Thursday. The Herald-Leader reports both men face one charge of conspiring to defraud the U.S. and one charge of benefits fraud. The fraud charge carries a top sentence of 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine. The two allegedly bought food stamps from customers for cash at a discounted rate. The store processed $2.8 million in food stamp transactions from October 2010 through the end of 2015. Owsley County has about 4,472 residents and a 2017 median household income of $22,736, compared to $57,652 nationally.

—The Associated Press

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Sunrise: 7:58 a.m. Sunset: 5:25 p.m.
Temperature: high 56, low 34, mean 45, excess 15.9
Precipitation: 0 inches
Total, December: 3.3 inch
Precipitation, year: 51.4 inches
Barometer: 30.13 Falling
River level at IKE: 443.8 feet

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Meth's not back — it never went away

Plentiful cartel crank has replacing locally-cooked crystal

By ALEX MODESITT
(Terre Haute) Tribune-Star

With the decline in local methamphetamine production, so too have the instances in which children have been exposed to the harmful chemical used in it's production, according to Indiana State Police 2018 clandestine labs stats. From a high average of nearly five labs discovered per day in 2013, police say they found less than one per day in 2018 as production has largely been outsourced to criminal organizations in Mexico.

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After a peak in 2013, lab seizures across Indiana have dropped off dramatically, according to Indiana State Police 2018 clandestine lab stats. Police say the enforcement of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic of 2005 and influx of meth from Mexico have contributed to the decline in local production of the drug.

Crystal meth, once so reviled it prompted sweeping legislation across the nation, at times seemed all but forgotten amid the recent opioid epidemic.

But 12 years after Congress took action to curb domestic production of methamphetamine, it has never been purer, cheaper, or more readily available. And police say it's never been harder to stop.

Flooding across the United State's southern border in amounts 10 to 20 times more than seen a decade ago, yesterday's ounce dealer is today's pound dealer.

Mostly gone are the days of backyard labs and cold medicine methamphetamine, here are the days of superlab-powered cartels injecting America's heartland with a huge supply of potent crank via the country's freeways and postal service.

Meth never went away, police say, people just stopped paying attention.

Meth in the Wabash Valley

"There may be areas of the state where heroin and other opiates are the biggest problem, but in Vigo County and Terre Haute, we're a meth-driven community" when it comes to illicit drugs, said Sgt. Charlie Burress, Terre Haute Police Department detective and long-time member of the Vigo County Drug Task Force.

Following Thursday's federal indictment of 15 alleged methamphetamine dealers, seven of whom are from Terre Haute and another from Brazil, the long-running king of street drugs has again been thrust into the headlines.

Terre Haute has long had the rap of being a "meth town," Burress says, but bringing to light — and to court — a semi-sophisticated ring of suppliers and dealers that spanned the state, the likes of which is typically associated with heroin and cocaine distribution, should wake the community up to the problem.

When meth was being cooked locally by one or two groups, Burress said it was far easier keeping tabs on what those organizations were doing. But with the flood of Mexican meth, the trade is more decentralized and harder to track in some regards.

"In the mid-2000s we might have two or three organizations that were connected and bringing in 10 to 30 pounds of meth at a time," Burress said. "But now, it's so cheap and easy to access, people don't have to buy smaller quantities off this one group or that.

"Everybody knows somebody and everyone has a plug. They can just as easily drive to Indianapolis or Evansville, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, or down to the border.

"So now instead of having all these people feeding off one source, you have 40 or 50 people with their own plug 60 miles up the road bringing back a pound or two, two to three times a week."

The change in distribution was facilitated by the success of the federal Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005.

The act led, at least in part, to a drastic reduction in domestic meth production after regulating the over-the-counter sale of precursor chemicals such as ephedrine, pseudoephedrine and all phenylpropanolamine products.

And while local producers tried "smurfing" for a time, or send emissaries to several stores to purchase enough precursor to make a batch, domestic meth production and subsequent seizure of meth labs plummeted.

"When they started the regulations making it harder to get Sudafed and the precursors for anhydrous cooks, it really put the cookers in a bind," Burress said. "If you can only buy a pack or two of Sudafed, you might only be able to make an 8-ball or quarter ounce.

"Whereas in the early 2000s, Walgreens would get their shipment in and an hour later they'd be out of Sudafed. With that you could cook a pound or more. That's just not possible now."

In 2018 Indiana State Police reported 192 clandestine meth lab seizures, a fraction of the 1,808 seizures in 2013 and the fewest since 1999.

Police say the legislation was effective in chasing backyard cooks, and along with it the number of children harmed and police officers sickened by exposure to dangerous chemicals, but admit it also opened the door for Mexican criminal organizations to fill the billion-dollar void.

"With so much of what people are using coming from Mexico, we've seen lab seizures dwindle in the last five years," said Indiana State Police narcotics detective Shilo Raulston.

"Think about it. If it costs someone $100 to make a gram and face a higher felony for it, why would they do that? Especially when Mexican meth is cheaper, and generally, of a higher quality.

"... I had been doing multiple labs a week, maybe even a couple labs a day, and then I didn't have any. Part of me was relieved, but then I saw how much meth was still out there. It wasn't that people quit using, it's just they can get it cheaper elsewhere and suffer less consequences. It's a good business decision."

Meth has gotten cheaper

With the outsourcing of production came a drastic reduction in price.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's 2019 National Drug Threat Assessment report, an analysis of domestic purchases from 2012 through 2017 show the price per gram of meth has decreased 13.6%, or from an average of $81 to $70, while the purity and potency has continued to increase.

Burress said a Terre Haute man was arrested earlier this year as he was transporting seven pounds of meth from Tempe, Arizona, back to Terre Haute. Burress said the man paid a fraction of the price for that cartel meth than he would have for domestic meth a decade ago.

"He paid $1,700 per pound for that meth whereas in 2005 that would have cost anywhere between $16,000 to $22,000 per pound," Burress said. "He paid less per pound than people were paying locally per ounce five years ago."

And what can be frustrating for police, Raulston said, is that even after seven-pound or 23-pound seizures like that in the task force's most recent case, law enforcement can't seem to remove enough meth from the pipeline to drive the price up.

"We constantly catch multiple pounds at a time and we've not seen a difference in price," Raulston said. "If we were putting a dent in what was coming in, we'd see the price start to go up. But the price is holding, and in some cases, we've seen it drop. No matter how much we get, we're still behind."

Easy to ship, tough to intercept

And while neighborhood labs were a nuisance, they were far easier to find and shutter than the methods used today.

Needing to ship their product from the southern border, cartels are using the millions of vehicles traveling America's interstate system as cover to hide its dope in plain sight. That and the growing trend of enlisting unwitting mail carriers to be drug mules, and police say they're fighting a battle against things they can't see.

"A lot of the stops that are made and the loads that are found are due to ongoing investigations," Burress said. "Whether it's physical surveillance being put on those people or other methods, we usually know who they are before we stop them."

But for the thousands of loads they don't know and can't see, Raulston said snagging those too often comes down to a detective's intuition and blind luck.

"Most of it is luck," Raulston said. "And a lot of times it doesn't matter how much work we put into it. We're limited on resources and time. We can't wait around for things to happen on 'doper's time.'

"We have rules to follow and they don't. We don't have the time to sit around and wait for a deal to go off and they can. Sometimes we have a case nailed dead to rights, but we have to put it off because it doesn't come together in the time we have. They're often more lucky than we are."

The DEA report doesn't paint a much rosier picture. With limited time and resources constraining local, state and federal law enforcement, the DEA predicts criminal organizations will continue to produce and traffic high-purity, high-potency meth across the southern border.

In the face of growing government opposition, organizations will continue to adapt production processes, the report predicts, and continue to fill the U.S.'s high demand.

The fight goes on

But Burress and Raulston say they're anything but hopeless. With collaborative efforts between all levels of law enforcement, police will continue to pursue and arrest those responsible for producing, buying and distributing illicit drugs.

"We have an outstanding relationship with DEA, U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI, ATF, and we rely heavily on partnerships with state police and other area departments as well," Burress said. "When we get something going like the group we identified Thursday, we know we can make those phone calls and get everyone involved.

"The resources they bring to the table are resources [THPD] doesn't have access to. We have a budget we have to stick to, one that we could blow through in a month or two on an investigation like this. When we bring it all together and things start progressing, it's all of our strengths that start getting drugs off the street."

Critics attack Bevin's pardon of man convicted of child rape

By DYLAN LOVAN
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin defended his controversial pardon of a man who was convicted of raping a child, saying there was no physical evidence of an assault.

Bevin's comments sparked a flurry of harsh criticism from medical and law enforcement officials.

Micah Schoettle was in the second year of a 23-year prison sentence when Bevin pardoned him of rape, sodomy and other sexual crimes last week. Rob Sanders, the prosecutor who put Schoettle away, called the pardon a "completely classless move."

Bevin defended the Schoettle pardon in a radio interview recently, saying there was no physical evidence of rape in the case.

"If you have been repeatedly sexually violated as a small child by an adult, there are going to be repercussions of that physically and medically," Bevin said in the WHAS radio interview. "There was zero evidence of that."

Bevin also publicly revealed the child's relationship to Schoettle for the first time, Sanders said.

"Just as offensive are all of his ignorant statements that he made about physical injury in assault cases," said Sanders, who heads the Commonwealth's Attorney's office in Kenton County, across the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

"He obviously did not do any research on this matter or he would know that only 2 percent of sexual assault victims show any visible physical injury as a result of the rapes that they've suffered," Sanders, a Republican, said in an interview late last week. "This is the kind of foolish ignorance that prosecutors have been working for decades to overcome."

Bevin, a Republican, issued hundreds of pardons between his electoral defeat on Nov. 5 and his final day in office on Dec. 9. Several have stirred controversy, including his pardon of Patrick Baker, a man convicted of homicide and other crimes whose family held a fundraiser for Bevin last year.

Two other people charged alongside Baker in the slaying of Donald Mills remain in prison.

Sanders has launched an investigation into Schoettle's pardon and whether his family's wealth and political connections played a role in it. Schoettle's mother was married to R.C. Durr, a wealthy road contractor and property owner whose family now runs a multimillion-dollar charitable foundation. Durr died in 2007.

Kentucky's former chief medical examiner Dr. George Nichols criticized Bevin's comments on the Schoettle pardon in an interview with the Courier Journal, saying the statements were factually inaccurate.

"He not only doesn't know the law, in my humble opinion, he clearly doesn't know medicine and anatomy," Nichols said.

In defending the pardon, the former governor also said another child who was said to be present during the alleged assaults denied they took place.

Bevin has drawn scorn before for expressing his opinions on child sexual assault. In an April 2018 interview while public school teachers were striking at the capitol, Bevin said hundreds of thousands of children were left home alone because of school cancellations.

"I guarantee you somewhere in Kentucky today a child was sexually assaulted that was left at home, because there was nobody there to watch them," then-Gov. Bevin said. The comment by Bevin was used in political attack ads against him during this year's campaign for governor. Bevin lost to Democrat Andy Beshear by about 5,000 votes.

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October 3 - Orscheln's Tractor Show - Scottsburg, IN

OBITUARIES

Berniece Andrews

Berniece Andrews, 81, of Scottsburg, Indiana, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 in Scottsburg.

She was born May 5, 1938 in Barboursville, Kentucky, to Walter Lee Morris and Mamie Smith Morris but grew up in Salem, Indiana. She graduated from Salem High School in 1956 and took some art classes afterwards. She retired as assistant cashier with Scott County State Bank after 30 years, was a member of First Christian Church of Scottsburg, served as treasurer of the Lookout Sunday School class, and was a member of Phi Beta Psi and the Scott County and Madison art councils. She was a talented artist in pencil sketches of historical buildings in Scott County as well as a painter of scenery.

Survivors include her husband, Hobson Andrews; a son, Rodney Craig; step daughters Debra Boyd, Teresa Arnold, Susan Proctor and Kristen Smith; and two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, seven step grandchildren, and 14 step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her second husband, Charles Bartle; a sister, Thelma Haley; and a brother, Lemen Morris.

Funeral services were Monday, Dec. 23, 2019 at Stewart & Hoagland Funeral Home in Scottsburg. Burial was at Scottsburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association c/o Stewart & Hoagland Funeral Home, 80 N 1st St., Scottsburg IN 47170. Online condolences at www.stewart-hoaglandfuneralhome.com

Eleanor Archinal

Eleanor Kathryn Archinal, 85, of Carrollton, Kentucky, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019 at her home there.

She was born on July 8, 1934 in New York City to Frank and Kathryn Falk Conklin. She was a member of the Carrollton United Methodist Church, a graduate of Centenary Junior College for Women in Hackettstown, New Jersey, a member of Phi Theta Kappa sorority and also enjoyed needlework, art and knitting.

Survivors include two daughters; Cynthia Ellen "Cindy" O'Neal of Carrollton and Leigh Ann Guth of Lexington, Kentucky; a son, Walter Ross Archinal of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 63 years, Walter C. Archinal, in January 2018; and a brother, Frank Conklin.

Memorial service will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019 at Carrollton United Methodist Church. Visitation will be noon until time of service Thursday at the church.

Memorial gifts may be made to Carrollton United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home.

Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com

Connie Emery

Connie Jane "Nana" Dews Emery, 63, of Milton, Kentucky, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019 at her home.

She was born July 5, 1956 in Hamilton, Ohio, to Elaine Dello. She was raised in Newport, Kentucky, and moved to Carrollton, Kentucky. She was a homemaker, devoted wife, loving mom and nana. She was raised in the Baptist faith and had resided in Milton the past two years.

Survivors include her husband of 33 years, James "Jimmy' Elwood Emery of Milton; her daughters, Connie King of Milton and April Van Tyle of Carrollton; a son, Kevin Dews of Milton, Kentucky; a brother, Jimmy Dews of Cincinnati; and eight grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her adopted mother, Elaine Dello, and a step sister, Tammy Morgan.

Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019 at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Friends may visit from 4 p.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Connie Emery Memorial Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre's of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, www.morgan-nay.com

Marie Griffith

Marie V. Harris Griffith, 60, of Madisonville, Tennessee and formerly of Madison, Indiana, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2019, at University of Tennessee Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee.

She was born in Madison on Sept. 19, 1959 to Faye and Dr. George Harris. She was a 1978 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School and had worked the past 35 years as a hospice nurse in Columbus, Indiana, Florida and Tennessee.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Griffith, formerly of Madison; two sons, Andrew and Ben Griffith, both of Knoxville; and a sister, Ann Geyman, of Springfield, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

At her request there was no visitation and no services. The body was cremated.

Memorial contributions can be made to a hospice of the donor's choice. Condolences can be sent to Larry Griffith, 251 Badger Road, Madisonville, Tennessee, 37354.

Joan Hall

Joan Mary Schramm Hall, 94, of Madison, Indiana died Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019 at the Norton Hospital in Louisville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Irene Ritter

Irene Mary Traylor Ritter, 92, of Madison, Indiana, died on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019 at the River Terrace Health Campus in Madison. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Janice Selph

Janice Louise Young Selph, age 64, of Madison, Indiana, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2019 at her home in downtown Madison.

She was born Oct.13, 1955 in Madison, to Lee Roy "Doc" and Elizabeth M. Buchanan Young. She attended school and lived in Madison most of her life. She worked at Mayfield Nursing Home then Hanover Health and Rehabilitation as a nurses' aide. She was a member of the Church of God and enjoyed collecting things, watching soap operas and socializing.

Survivors include her mother, Elizabeth M. Buchanan Young of Madison; a daughter, Tabbatha Torrance of Madison; her sisters, Donna Young Mendoza and Debbie Young Mendoza, both of Madison; a brother, Roger Lee Roy Young of Madison; a step sister, Carol Young Aylers of Madison; two grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two aunts and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison. Friends may visit from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Janice Selph Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the funeral home. Online condolences, www.morgan-nay.com

John White

John D. "Red" White, 86, of Hanover, Indiana, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 at Hickory Creek Healthcare in Madison, Indiana.

He was born March 4, 1933 in Shelby County, Indiana, to Arthur Oatis and Mildred Lanahan White. He was raised at the Indiana Girls School from the age of one where his father was the farm superintendent and his mother was a corrections officer. He graduated from Ben Davis High School in 1951 and attended Indiana Central College for two years. On July 1, 1953 he was employed by the Indiana State Police as a criminal records clerk and in 1954 transferred to operations. In 1958 he was promoted to trooper and transferred to Scott County under the Charlestown Post. He was promoted to sergeant in 1966, made first sergeant in 1972 and lieutenant 1975 and was Commander of the Versailles, Charlestown and Sellersburg posts. He was assistant commander of the Indiana State Fair Detail and the commander of the Indianapolis 500 Race Detail for several years. He retired in 1988 as a lieutenant after 34 years and 9 months of service and traveling over one million miles.

He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Otis Bowen and the Aide DeCamp Commissioners Staff by the Kentucky State Police. He served as a scoutmaster of the Explorer's Boy Scout Troop, counselor to Hoosier Boys State and the Indiana State Police Career Camp. He was a member and past president of the Madison Fraternal Order of Police, past president of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Merit Board, member of the Civil War Round Table and Jefferson County Historical Society. After retirement he enjoyed woodworking, and acting as a docent for the Madison Train Station and the Jefferson County Historical Museum.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Stewart White of Hanover; a son, Jeffrey White of Franklin, Indiana; three daughters, Laura Ebley of Lexington, Indiana, Lora Caudill of Louisville and Kathy Hagen of Lebanon, Kentucky; and five grandchildren and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2019 at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will be private in the Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison. Friends may visit from 4 p.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Historical Society Museum. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre's of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, www.morgan-nay.com

JEFFERSON SHERIFF

ARRESTS

Friday, December 20

1:32 a.m. Codie Lane Hall, 28, arrested on a warrant.

8:05 p.m. David Mark Sampson, 55, arrested on a Bartholomew County warrant for failure to appear.

Saturday, December 21

7:32 p.m. Brian R. Huff, Dupont, 36, arrested on charges of burglary, false informing, residential entry and maintaining a common nuisance.

CRIME

Thursday, December 19

8:06 a.m. Suspicious vehicle in the 5000 block of North State Road 7.

10:19 a.m. Case follow-up in the 6000 block of West Chicken Run Road.

10:24 a.m. Theft at the Jefferson County Court House.

5:40 p.m. Civil dispute in the 10000 block of West Walnut Street, Deputy.

7:29 p.m. Suspicious vehicle in the 8000 block of West State Road 256, Lexington.

11:44 p.m. Theft in the 10000 block of North Sparkman Lane, Dupont.

Friday, December 20

12:47 a.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 5000 block of North State Road 7.

2:50 p.m. Stolen vehicle in the 1000 block of Oak Hill Drive.

5:06 p.m. Suspicious person or circumstance on J A Berry Lane and Paper Mill Road.

7:17 p.m. Breaking and entering residence on West Second Terrace Street, Hanover.

Saturday, December 21

12:27 a.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 2000 block of North Thompson Road.

12:49 p.m. Wanted person in the 1000 block of North State Road 62.

2:07 p.m. Harassment in the 10000 block of West Walnut Street, Deputy.

3:02 p.m. Gun or weapon call in the 2000 block of North Rykers Ridge Road.

4:54 p.m. Unwanted subject in the 1000 block of South County Road 1400 West, Lexington.

7:32 p.m. Domestic incident in the 7000 block of South State Road 62, Lexington. Arrest made.

9:49 p.m. Theft in the 100 block of Franks Drive.

10:07 p.m. Case follow-up in the 1000 block of North State Road 62.

TRAFFIC

Thursday, December 19

12:59 p.m. Personal injury accident in the 200 block of South Thompson Road, Lexington.

Friday, December 20

1:32 a.m. Traffic stop in the 5000 block of North State Road 7. Arrest made.

Friday, December 20

6:58 a.m. Car v. deer accident in the 5000 block of North Jake Gayle Road, Commiskey.

8:05 p.m. Property damage accident in the 5000 block of North Graham Road. Arrest made.

9:51 p.m. Traffic stop West and Fifth streets. Warning issued.

10:55 p.m. Traffic stop at Clifty Drive and Cragmont Street. Warning issued.12:18 a.m. Traffic stop at First and Mulberry streets. Warning issued.

Saturday, December 21

1:01 a.m. Traffic stop on State Road 7 and State Road 62. Warning issued.

1:09 a.m. Traffic stop in the 2000 block of Lanier Drive. Citation issued.

3:17 p.m. Property damage accident in the 5000 block of State Road 256.

8:23 p.m. Traffic stop in the 5000 block of South State Road 62, Lexington.

GENERAL

Thursday, December 19

7:47 a.m. Assist other department at the Jefferson County Court House.

8:43 a.m. Welfare check on West Skyline Drive.

1:50 p.m. Welfare check in the 200 block of West Skyline Drive.

2:36 p.m. Welfare check in the 10000 block of West Polk Road, Lexington.

7:24 p.m. Item or article found in the 100 block of Presbyterian Avenue, Hanover.

Friday, December 20

8:30 a.m. Transport to Webster County Jail, Kentucky.

9:55 a.m. Transport to Crawford County Jail, English.

2:45 p.m. Transport to Switzerland County Jail, Vevay.

5:23 p.m. Assist other department in the 9000 block of West County Road 500 North, Deputy.

Saturday, December 21

6:42 p.m. Assist motorist on North U.S. 421.

10:20 p.m. Missing adult in the 10000 block

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Madison man already in prison now charged with child molesting

Courier staff report

A Madison man who is currently serving a prison sentence for battery with bodily injury to a minor was arrested by Indiana State Police Detectives on a charge of child molesting after an ongoing investigation resulted in the additional charges.

In February, Indiana State Police Det. Nate Adams arrested Christian Chase, 25, Madison, on charges of battery with bodily injury to a minor and neglect of a dependent. The charges stemmed from a nine month investigation into allegations that Chase battered a child that was under his care in March and April 2018. As a result of the original investigation, Chase was sentenced to four years in prison at the Indiana Department of Corrections.

Chase

Since the original investigation, detectives obtained additional information that Chase had allegedly molested a child in his care during the same time frame that the original battery offense occurred. Through an interview with a forensic interviewer with the Child Advocacy Center, the victim indicated that Chase molested him while he was in the care of Chase in 2018.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the case, with the new allegations, was presented to the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office and a Jefferson County Circuit Court warrant was issued for Chase's arrest on a count of child molesting, a Level 1 felony punishable by 20 to 40 years in prison.

Detectives with the Indiana State Police-Versailles District served the arrest warrant Friday on Chase, who is currently incarcerated at the Plainfield Correctional Facility in Plainfield, Indiana. He will remain in the Plainfield Correctional Facility pending his initial appearance in the Jefferson County Circuit Court on the new charge.

Det. Adams was assisted by Det. Andrew Mitchell, ISP-Versailles and the Indiana Child Advocacy Center.

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of North Sparkman Lane, Dupont.

11:13 p.m. Animal problem on South Paynesville Road, Hanover.

MADISON POLICE

ARRESTS

Thursday, December 19

10:18 a.m. Johnathan Hooker, 18, Hanover, cited for harboring a non – immunized animal.

Friday, December 20

8:05 a.m. Carey Joe Mahoney, 47, arrested on a warrant.

5:22 p.m. Shawn D. Pennington, 27, arrested on a warrant for contributing to delinquency of a minor.

CITATIONS

Friday, December 20

4:28 p.m. Lisa Renee Dalgleish, 45, cited into court for theft.

7:17 p.m. Wesley D. Roark, 22, cited for speed.

CRIME

Thursday, December 19

9:58 a.m. Case follow-up in the 100 block of East Second Street.

10:18 a.m. Unwanted subject in the 700 block of West Third Street.

11:23 a.m. Drugs or drug case in the 1000 block of Walnut Street.

3:08 p.m. Case follow-up in the 1000 block of North State Road 62.

4:07 p.m. Animal bites or attacks in the 1000 block of West Main Street.

4:17 p.m. Civil dispute in the 100 block of Hooten Boulevard.

9:05 p.m. Unwanted subject in the 300 block of East Main Street.

Friday, December 20

1:54 a.m. Prowler in the 100 block of Taft Drive.

7 a.m. Animal abuse or neglect in the 3000 block of North County Road 300 West.

8:05 a.m. Theft in the 2000 block of Lanier Drive. Arrest made.

8:14 a.m. Breaking and entering vehicle in the 2000 block of Tiger Lily Lane.

12:16 p.m. Case follow-up in the 600 block of Walnut Street.

2:16 p.m. Theft in the 400 block of Clifty Drive.

3:25 p.m. Investigation in the 100 block of East Second Street.

4:28 p.m. Shoplifting in the 500 block of Ivy Tech Drive. Citation issued.

5:06 p.m. Attempt to serve a warrant in the 2000 block of Eisenhower Drive.

5:15 p.m. Attempt to serve a warrant in the 700 block of Jefferson Court.

5:22 p.m. Wanted person reported to the Police Department. Arrest made.

5:41 p.m. Stolen vehicle in the 1000 block of Oak Hill Drive.

6:02 p.m. Burglar alarm in the 1000 block of Bear Street.

Saturday, December 21

12:43 a.m. Fight without weapons in the 100 block of East Second Street.

4:17 a.m. Stolen vehicle in the 300 block of Mulberry Street.

7:30 a.m. Case follow-up in the 200 block of East Second Street.

11:02 a.m. Case follow-up in the 300 block of East First Street.

11:10 a.m. Stolen vehicle in the 1000 block of Bloom Street.

11:19 a.m. Unauthorized control in the 100 block of Clifty Drive.

2:08 p.m. Open door in the 1000 block of Michigan Road.

5:21 p.m. Shoplifting in the 1000 block of Clifty Drive.

7:01 p.m. Domestic incident on Ivy Tech Drive.

7:28 p.m. Unwanted subject in the 1000 block of Wood Street.

7:49 p.m. Juvenile problem in the 200 block of Hooten Boulevard.

8:55 p.m. Disorderly in the 100 block of Clifty Drive.

9:43 p.m. Theft in the 100 block of Clifty Drive.

9:49 p.m. Theft in the 100 block of Franks Drive.

10:46 p.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 100 block of Clifty Drive.

Sunday, December 22

2:15 a.m. Suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of West Third Street.

2:36 a.m. Case follow-up in the 1000 block of North State Road 62.

3:06 a.m. Suspicious person or circumstance on Walnut and Second streets.

3:52 a.m. Threats or threatening behavior in the 2000 block of Eisenhower Drive.

TRAFFIC

Thursday, December 19

9:33 a.m. Traffic stop in the 700 block of Clifty Drive.

10:51 a.m. Traffic control or detail in the 300 block of West Main Street.

9:07 p.m. Special detail or patrol in the 200 block of West Main Street.

9:20 p.m. Special detail or patrol in the 100 block of West Vaughn Drive.

Friday, December 20

12:49 a.m. Traffic stop on Michigan Road and Clifty Drive. Warning issued.

1:08 a.m. Traffic stop on Michigan Road and Montclair Street. Warning issued.

8:46 a.m. Leaving scene of accident in the 600 block of Saddle Tree Lane.

1:52 p.m. Abandoned vehicle in the 300 block of Clifty Drive.

2:10 p.m. Leaving scene of accident in the 500 block of Ivy Tech Drive.

3:07 p.m. Traffic stop on Windridge and Ivy Tech drives. Warning issued.

4:22 p.m. Parking problem in the 800 block of Walnut Street.

9:51 p.m. Traffic stop West and Fifth streets. Warning issued.

10:55 p.m. Traffic stop at Clifty Drive and Cragmont Street. Warning issued.

Saturday, December 21

12:18 a.m. Traffic stop at First and Mulberry streets. Warning issued.

11:57 a.m. Injured deer on Demaree Drive and Michigan Road.

12:25 p.m. Injured deer in the 1000 block of North U.S. 421.

3:43 p.m. Traffic stop on Third and West streets.

5:06 p.m. Traffic stop on U.S. 421. Verbal warning issued.

5:40 p.m. Traffic stop on Cragmont extension.

7:14 p.m. Traffic stop at roundabout on U.S. 421. Verbal warning issued.

8:08 p.m. Traffic stop in 400 block of Clifty Drive.

GENERAL

Thursday, December 19

7:20 a.m. Assist other agency in the 800 block of Walnut Street.

9:21 a.m. Animal problem in the 3000 block of North Old State Road 62.

9:35 a.m. Item or article found in the 400 block of East Clifty Drive.

10:18 a.m. Animal call follow-up in the 500 block of Hickory Drive, Hanover. Citation issued.

12:12 p.m. Animal problem in the 10000 block of North Reynolds Road, Dupont.

12:37 p.m. Assist other department in the 600 block of West Second Street.

3:25 p.m. Lines down in the 100 block of Clifty Drive.

11:56 p.m. Noise complaint in the 600 block of Walnut Street.

Friday, December 20

9:13 a.m. Welfare check in the 800 block of West Second Street.

9:31 a.m. Animal problem in the 7000 block of West County Road 400 South, Hanover.

12:29 p.m. Assist motorist in the 300 block of East Clifty Drive.

5:09 p.m. Assist motorist on Eisenhower Drive.

7:27 p.m. Deliver message in the 1000 block of Adams Drive.

9:36 p.m. Miscellaneous in the 100 block of West Vaughn Drive.

Saturday, December 21

4:50 a.m. Item or article found in the 300 block of East First Street.

10:15 a.m. Alarm or alarm problem in the 300 block of Bellaire Drive.

3:45 p.m. Assist other department in the 700 block of West Fourth Street.

5:05 p.m. Lost or stolen item in the 600 block of West Second Street.

8:44 p.m. Argument in the 100 block of Taft Drive.

9:28 p.m. Security check in the 100 block of West Vaughn Drive.

Sunday, December 22

12:05 a.m. Miscellaneous in the 100 block of Mulberry Street.

1:14 a.m. Noise complaint on Main and West streets.

1:43 a.m. Assist EMS in the 300 block of Mulberry Street.

1:56 a.m. Miscellaneous in the 200 block of West Main Street.

HANOVER POLICE

ARRESTS

Thursday, December 19

10:18 a.m. Johnathan Hooker, 18, Hanover, cited for harboring a non – immunized animal.

CRIME

Thursday, December 19

8:37 a.m. Animal abuse or neglect in the 500 block of Hickory Drive.

TRAFFIC

Thursday, December 19

1:01 p.m. Personal injury accident in the 200 block of South Thompson Road, Lexington.

Friday, December 20

7:40 a.m. Property damage accident in the 200 block of West LaGrange Road.

1:52 p.m. Reckless driving on State Road 56 and Cabot Cove Lane, Lexington.

Saturday, December 21

4:59 p.m. Article in road at west junction at State Road 56 and State Road 6

GENERAL

Thursday, December 19

10:18 a.m. Animal call follow-up in the in the 500 block of Hickory Drive.

Friday, December 20

3:05 p.m. Animal problem in the 200 block of North Sycamore Drive.

Saturday, December 21

2:54 p.m. Assist other agency in the 5000 block of West Hensler Road.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Katherine A. Jones to MCG, LLC. and Marcus Chad Gray, 859 East Street.

Brian Marshall to Mark A. Prickett, 710 Gerry Lane.

Harry Dobbins Properties, LLC to Gabino Vanegas and Leticia Zuniga, 3995 West Interstate Block Road.

Laura Beth Hankins and Bailey Hankins to Jordan W. McCool, 7566 North Scotts Ridge Road.

Margie Ann Selig to Anthony Schlabach, 7906 West Polk Road, Lexington.

Jeffrey Dale Meinbresse to Madison 412 Partners, LLC., 8243 West Kent State Road 256.

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, to Cool Cash, Inc., 181 West Main Street, Hanover.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Matthew David Hofferth, 45, and Kelsey Alina Yancey, 32, both of 835 East County Road 400 North.

Lauren Nicole Burns, 22, and Toran Micheal Adams, 25, both of 2223 Michigan Road.

Juan Urieta Jr., 28, 309 Ridge Road Charlestown, and Holly Mackenzie Green, 25, 414 East

Let Us Pause to Honor the Memory of

Mr. John D. "Red" White

Mr. John D. "Red" White, age 86, of Hanover, Indiana entered this life on March 4, 1933 in Shelby County, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late, Arthur Oatis and Mildred Lanahan White. He was raised at the Indiana Girls School from the age of one where his father was the farm superintendent and his mother was a corrections officer. He graduated from Ben Davis High School in 1951 and then attended Indiana Central College for two years. On July 1, 1953 at the age of 20, John became employed with the Indiana State Police as a Criminal Records Clerk and in 1954 he transferred to operations. In 1958 he was promoted to Trooper and transferred to Scott County under the Charlestown Post. After one year as a Trooper he was credited with safely getting a single engine plane down. It had three occupants, no radio and 30 minutes of gas left. He guided it down with the spotlight on his police car. He was then promoted to Sergeant in 1966, made First Sergeant in 1972 and in 1975 was promoted to Lieutenant as Commander of the Versailles, Charlestown and Sellersburg Posts. John was also assigned to present the program of "Officer Survival" to all Posts and other departments. He was the Assistant Commander of the Indiana State Fair Detail and the Commander of the Indianapolis 500 Race Detail several years. John retired in 1988 as a Lieutenant after 34 years and 9 months of service and traveling over one million miles. John was proud to be presented the awards of, "Sagamore of the Wabash", by Governor Otis Bowen and the Aide DeCamp Commissioners Staff by the Kentucky State Police; Served as a scoutmaster of the Explorer's Boy Scout Troop; Was a counselor to Hoosier Boys State and to the Indiana State Police Career Camp; Was a member and past president of the Madison Fraternal Order of Police; Was a twelve-year member and past president of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Merit Board; Member of the Civil War Round Table; Member of the Jefferson County Historical Society and was presented with the Madison Hospitality Award in 2004. After retirement he enjoyed woodworking, acting as a docent for the Madison Train Station and the Jefferson County Historical Museum. He also in his spare time enjoyed fishing, having a lawn of perfection, raising beautiful roses, and being with his family. He was an avid reader and studied many things, including scientific and historical facts. John passed from this life on Friday, December 20, 2019, at 5:15 a.m. at the Hickory Creek of Madison in Madison, Indiana.

A LOVING FAMILY

John will be missed by his wife of 38 years, Linda Stewart White of Hanover, Indiana; his son, Jeffrey White and his wife, Melanie of Franklin, Indiana; his daughters, Laura Ebley and her husband, Jerry of Lexington, Indiana, Lora Caudill of Louisville, Kentucky, Kathy Hagen and her husband, David of Lebanon, Kentucky; his grandchildren, Chelsea Burch and her husband, Cory, Kendall Ebley, Allison Caudill and fiancée, Ben Cowgill, Samantha Caudill and Ellie Caudill and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur Oatis White, died 1973, mother, Mildred Lanahan White, died 1986, his father in law and mother in law, Charles Keith Stewart, died December 29, 2011 and Willetta Wehner Stewart, died December 15, 2009.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 27, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will be private in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North US 421 in Madison, Indiana.

VISITATION

Friends may visit Friday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Historical Society Museum. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre's of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, www.morgan-nay.com

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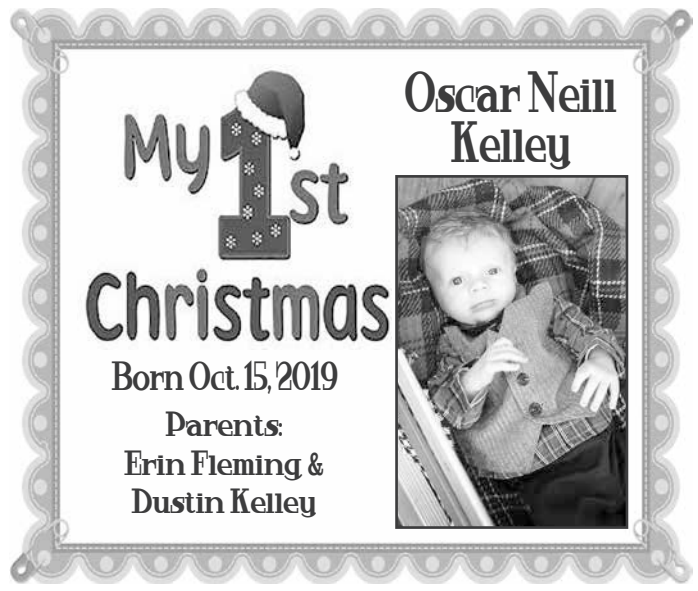

Madison Junior High School hosted a special Christmas holiday lunch for students on their last day of school Friday. The event, thanks to various donors, featured a holiday concert by "Rusty Bladen and the Cousin Eddies," and carried a National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation theme throughout each lunch period with teacher skits and a visit by Santa Claus. Teachers and staff hung out with their students for the entirety of their lunch periods, laughing, dancing, acting in skits and singing along to the band's Christmas tunes. (Courier staff photos by Trenton Scroggins)

Charlie's Beat

Nashville Cat Joel Shewmake feels the magic in Madison

By CHARLIE ROHLFING

There's a 1966 song by the Lovin' Spoonful called "Nashville Cats" and whenever I meet someone like Joel Shewmake, my mind goes right to the lyrics — "Well there's thirteen hundred and fifty-two guitar pickers in Nashville. And any one that unpacks his guitar could play twice as better than I will."

Joel moved to Nashville in 2001 from Cookeville, Tennessee, and the fact that he's still there, writing songs, recording and performing tells you he's a Nashville Cat for sure — super talented, resilient, and professional. He's had songs recorded by Brad Paisley, Montgomery-Gentry, Gary Allan, Trace Adkins and a bunch more.

Our very own Jimmy Davis befriended Joel on one of his recent trips to Nashville, so when Jane Vonderheide was putting together her House Of Jane Music Series back in the summer, Jimmy put her in contact with Joel. I was lucky enough to attend that show, and Joel blew me away with his heartfelt performance. (You can see it on YouTube, just search "House of Jane Joel Shewmake")

Joel Shewmake and Hope Mees

So naturally I was thrilled a few weeks ago when I saw he was playing at the Taproom on a Friday night. I caught up with Joel and his girlfriend, Hope Mees, sitting at the end of the bar, enjoying some great Taproom tacos, and waiting for Joel to go on stage.

"I had such a nice time when I was up here for that House of Jane show," Joel explained. "I could tell even in the middle of summer that this town would be really special around Christmas time. I wanted to bring my girlfriend Hope to see it for herself. So I contacted Jane to see about a gig, and she hooked me up with Ryan here at the Taproom."

Hope picks up the story, "Joel just knew I would fall in love with Madison. I grew up in a similar small town in Ohio."

"Madison's downtown reminds me of Broadway in Nashville," continues Joel, "except nicer and friendlier. The music scene here seems really cool. There's a respect for the artists and the music that is sometimes lacking in bigger cities."

Joel and Hope told me they were spending Friday night in town and hanging out Saturday, so I caught up with Hope by phone about a week later to get her impressions. "Well, we were staying with Robert Reynolds and Michelle at their AirBNB, so that was cool. And then the big Christmas parade was happening Saturday morning. We shopped at Crawdaddy Music for a bit, and then enjoyed the parade.

"All the windows were decorated, it was all just so magical and nice. We are definitely planning a trip back soon. We want to hang out more at the coffee shops, and maybe do one of the home tours. Everyone had this feeling of joy and kindness, and you don't see that much anymore."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK:

It's kind of a slow weekend, what with it being the holiday season and all. But there's still some great live music happening if you want to get out of the house. On Friday all the cool kids will head to the Taproom for the Tim Brickley show. On Saturday at Thomas Family Winery Bill Lancton and Jimmy Davis are teaming up for their special brand of guitar-heavy heroics. And on Sunday at Mad Paddle Brewery, I've been told Tracy Thompson is very good, although I've yet to have the pleasure. Maybe I'll see you there?

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

THIS WEEK IN MUSIC

Friday, December 20:
Off Broadway Taproom — Tim Brickley & the Bleeding Hearts
Rembrandts — Leonard Miller at the piano

Saturday, December 28:
Off Broadway Taproom — Hewitt & Fink
Thomas Family Winery — Bill, Jimmy & Friends
Rembrandts — Leonard Miller at the piano
VFW — Dirty Laundry

Sunday, December 29:
Mad Paddle Brewery — Tracy Thompson (4 p.m.)
Off Broadway Taproom — Davy or Daryl

•Roundtable

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process.

While the problem and solutions for this round won't be submitted until January, the students were there to gain perspective. Mahoney asked the mayor what problems he dealt with that the students could brainstorm and use to prepare for the next round.

"Have you ever gone to an arcade and there's a game of whack-a-mole there? To a certain extent that's what it's like on a daily basis, because things pop up that you don't anticipate that you have to react to," Courtney told the students.

"We try to be as proactive as possible because we kind of break down our day into a couple different stages," Courtney said. "One is the long-term, more strategic planning — things that we know may take a year or two or three years, for example, to come into fruition — and then there are the immediate needs. Someone's trash didn't get picked up, or there's a water leak, or there's a pothole that we have to go fix. So we're always reacting to things that happen every single day that have a sense of urgency, or those things that we can plan more strategically that we know will, like I said, take a few years to resolve."

Working in tandem with Courtney, the students identified eight community issues — including education, substance abuse and economic development — and identified potential solutions following the eight-step process.

Eighth-grader Jack Heckler stood at the easel and wrote down suggestions from classmates for the first four problems: stable education, substance abuse, poverty and homelessness, and mental health. Courtney chimed in with four more: safety, economic development, infrastructure and preserving buildings from blight.

Safety as a priority, Courtney told the students, is paramount for local government leaders.

"Safety is number one," Courtney said. "... That's one you can't put on the back burner and say 'well this is a long-term plan, we'll get to this in two or three years.' Safety is something that we literally work on every single day."

Courtney encouraged the students to think more specifically. He asked them: what do you see as the biggest safety concern?

Heckler listed driving as a hazard, specifically around Wolf Trails Drive where he lives, and said speeding posed a danger for kids in the area. Courtney agreed and said that was an area of concern; drivers come off Lanier Drive and speed down Green Road past the neighborhood, and ignore the speed limit.

Thinking like a policy-maker, Courtney said issues like safety need to be broken down — like with speeding — and addressed in a way that maximizes time, money and resources.

He gave the students a practice problem to demonstrate: speeding and safety concerns at the entrance to Anderson Elementary School on Michigan Road.

"That's a 40-mile speed zone through there," Courtney said. "However, with the school buses and the kids that are getting picked up and dropped off, it can become really, really unsafe because you have speeding and traffic and you have people kind of coming out with their cars, staging to pick up their kids from the school, [spilling] out onto the highway."

Heckler again spoke up and suggested adding more police officers and plastic cones to mark the pickup area. The mayor took to the idea, and said that while the city was already working on an ordinance to reduce the speed limit in that area, cones would be a cheap way to make drivers more aware without having to enact a new law.

"There's no barriers separating parked cars to the cars going north and south, so I think cones, like you just suggested, would be a really good, economical way to create awareness of safety and a parking lane so that they're not out there blocking potential traffic, either going in the same direction or the opposite direction," he told the eight grader.

Then another hand went up. Alex Wang, also an eighth-grader, suggested that investing in economic development in the city would help solve short-term and long-term problems by reducing the scarcity of resources.

Courtney agreed, but elaborated. By incentivising certain types of jobs that help people rise out of poverty, the city can help those struggling with substance abuse or mental health, he said. He mentioned that good jobs attract services, which is needed in areas like Jefferson County that have a shortage of mental health professionals.

"If we focus on investing some dollars, some of these scarce resources, in the right way, it can be a catalyst to address some of these underlying issues that we may be facing in our community," Courtney told the students.

From there, the conversation shifted entirely toward resources. Courtney introduced the concept of a cost-benefit analysis, and gave as example that incentivizing businesses that pay high wages to move into the community also has a domino effect on money circulating throughout town.

"These sorts of things generally happen over a long period of time, but the up-front investment could be really significant," Courtney said.

The mayor also introduced the students to the concept of consensus-building — letting the community members decide which issues are most important to them. He noted that figuring out where money was coming from on the local, state and federal level adds another dimension to city problem solving.

"If we have 25 people in the room, and we talk about all eight of these issues, I would be surprised if all 25 would agree — if we wanted to rank those from one to eight, for example — all 25 would not agree with how these are rated. All 25 may agree, and say 'yes these are issues we need to address,' but then we go through a process of consensus building with our stakeholders and prioritize them, and you work on them very methodically ... one through eight, for example. And then, again, you want to deal with cost-benefit — what's the biggest impact you can make that's going to have the broadest effect on the community, and how much is that going to cost."

Mahoney chimed in and said that maximizing resources was a major part of the Future Problem Solving process. He also asked Courtney what role he thought students could play in the community, and what areas the team could be addressing in looking for solutions.

Courtney said that while many of the topics they had just covered are broad, the issue of safety remains the most important and can be compartmentalized in many ways to help the community. He recommended they start there.

"That is a foundational element of our community. Without a safe community, you really can't have anything else," Courtney said. "You can't have a high quality of life, you can't attract people to move here, you can't attract investment, our schools aren't going to be as strong as they can be without safety. And I think that's a really pragmatic goal that each of you can think about, because it's also something you experience yourself every day. It's not necessarily conceptual, because you can see it every single day."

The mayor left the students with the goal-setting tool SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely) and answered a couple questions about his job before the students headed back to the middle school. Before leaving he invited group to present their project to city council once finished and voice their concerns.

"So far I'm waiting for a taker. I'm waiting or someone to come up to the podium and say 'We, the student body or student community here in Madison, we feel that this issue needs to be addressed, and I would like to be a part of it,'" Courtney said. "And that's how you make a difference. If it's always somebody else's problem to take care of, there's not going to be a lot of solution being made out there, in my opinion."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Bailey conjures his father in leading BNL over Cubs

BALL SAVE: Madison's Luke Miller saves the ball before it can go out of bounds during the Cubs' loss at home to Bedford North Lawrence on Friday. (Staff photo by David Campbell)

Miller scores 25 as Madison beats Austin

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Madison coach Sherron Wilkerson had plenty of experience facing off in practice against against Damon Bailey when the two were stars at Indiana University. On Friday, Bailey's son, Brayton, gave Wilkerson plenty of flashbacks to those old battles.

The younger Bailey torched Madison for 29 points and seven rebounds to lead Bedford North Lawrence to a 64-55 win and snap the Cubs' four-game win streak.

"I saw Damon play back in the day, and I'll say this, Brayton may be tougher than his dad," Wilkerson said. "I mean no disrespect when I say that, Damon was a great player. But that kid was unbelievable. There just aren't many flaws in anything he does on the court."

Madison came out firing, hitting five 3-pointers in the first half to surge to a 30-26 lead. The second half was the complete opposite with Bailey leading the Stars to a 12-1 closing run in the third quarter to push ahead by five.

Bedford North Lawrence (4-2, 1-1 Hoosier Hills) never relinquished the lead and controlled the fourth quarter to lead by as many as 11. Madison pulled within five with just under a minute to play but was unable to get any closer.

One thing that hindered Madison in slowing down Bailey was an injury to junior Nick Center, who left the game early in the first quarter with an ankle injury and did not return.

"Nick is huge for us. He is great defensively, is very smart, and is one of the leaders of this team and he definitely could have helped us down the stretch," Wilkerson said.

Senior Mason Welsh carried the Cubs in the first half and finished with 19 points and five rebounds to lead Madison. Luke Miller chipped in 13 points while Kaden Oliver scored 11.

Bedford shot a sizzling 73% from the floor in the second half (16-of-22) and finished 29-of-46 (63%) for the game despite going 1-for-9 on 3-pointers. By contrast, Madison was 19-for-41 (46%) overall but just 7-of-18 (39%) in the second half.

Along with Bailey, Trey Mollett had 13 points and Jackson Miracle scored 12.

With the loss Madison dropped to 1-1 in the HHC.

MADISON 65, AUSTIN 56
(Saturday)

The Cubs shrugged off just their second loss of the season with a 65-56 win at Austin on Saturday.

The Cubs shot a sizzling 57% (24-for-42) from the floor for the game and needed every bit of it to stave off the upset-minded Eagles.

Madison led only 14-13 after the first quarter but went ahead 35-27 at the break after shooting 63.6% (14-of-22) in the first half. The Cubs cooled considerably in the second half and Austin stayed close enough to keep it interesting before Madison pulled out the win.

Luke Miller scored 24 points on 8-of-17 shooting to lead Madison while Mason Welsh had 13 points,

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Mefford's 29 not enough as hobbled Rebs fall to JCD

Loss is SW's 1st in ORVC play since Feb. 2017

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Playing its third-straight game without starters Matthew Williams and Zach Cole, Class 2A No. 8 Southwestern once again struggled with a depleted roster and the result was a 68-60 loss to Jac-Cen-Del at home on Friday.

Despite nearly erasing a 21-point deficit in the second half, Southwestern simply found itself in too much a hole and Jac-Cen-Del did enough at the end of the game to hold on for the victory.

The loss marks Southwestern's first blemish in Ohio River Valley Conference play since a Feb. 2, 2017 loss to South Ripley. That same stretch also marks the last time the Rebels were dealt a three-plus game losing streak.

"We're not very good at having kids that when they step up, they can't do what we want them to do," Southwestern coach Jerry Bomholt said. "That's where we are right now. To make wholesale changes would be crazy because we hope that this is going to be short term. We're not looking for excuses though. There's eight points out there that could have been ours."

Jac-Cen-Del (4-2) led by 19 points at halftime but the deficit was trimmed to 51-39 by the end of the third quarter after six points in the frame by Foster Mefford and five by Mitchell Cline. And with a 1-3-1 half-court trap being applied in the half, the deficit shrank even more in the fourth quarter.

With the trap in effect, Southwestern (5-4, 1-1 ORVC) forced the Eagles into turnovers that translated into points on the other end as the Rebels drew contact in transition and got themselves to the free-throw line. Paced by nine points from Mefford and eight points by Austin Kramer, the lead trickled to as little as six points with under three minutes to go. But Jac-Cen-Del never allowed its advantage to dwindle past that mark.

Free throws sealed the deal for the Eagles, who got three freebies in the fourth quarter from Will Neal along with one each by Brandon Baber and Justin Ohlmansiek. Baber finished the fourth quarter with three points and Caleb Simon scored three early buckets in the period for six points before fouling out late.

"We tried to wait as long as we could wait to put pressure on because we don't have any depth," Bomholt said of the second half. "We finally went to the trap. After scouting them we felt the trap would hurt them and if we would have had everyone from the beginning we could've done that earlier. If we would have got it down to a one possession game we could have put some heat on. But you have to be proud of our kids and their effort. We gave it a run."

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ON THE ATTACK: Southwestern's Foster Mefford (with ball) attacks the Jac-Cen-Del defense on Friday. Despite playing with a hip injury, Mefford scored 29 points in the loss. (Photo by Devin Rowe)

JEFFERSON CO. INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

at Madison
Friday, Dec. 27
Game 1 — Switzerland Co. (3-3) vs. Southwestern (5-4), 10 a.m.
Game 2 — Henryville (2-5) vs. Madison (5-2), noon
Game 3 — Morristown (3-2) vs. Switzerland Co. (3-3), 2 p.m.
Game 4 — Trimble Co. (2-7) vs. Henryville (2-5), 4 p.m.
Game 5 — Southwestern (5-4) vs. Morristown (3-2), 6 p.m.
Game 6 — Trimble Co. (2-7) vs. Madison (5-2), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28
Fifth Place — Pool A 3rd Place vs. Pool B 3rd Place, 4 p.m.
Third Place — Pool A 2nd Place vs. Pool B 2nd Place, 6 p.m.
Championship — Pool A 1st Place vs. Pool B 1st Place, 8 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 27
BASKETBALL (Boys)
10 a.m.
JCIT — Southwestern vs. Switzerland Co.
Noon
JCIT — Madison vs. Henryville
2 p.m.
JCIT — Switzerland Co. vs. Morristown
4 p.m.
JCIT — Trimble Co. vs. Henryville
6 p.m.
JCIT — Southwestern vs. Morristown
7:30 p.m.
Shawe hosts Borden
8 p.m.
JCIT — Madison vs. Trimble Co.
BASKETBALL (Girls)
5 p.m.
Trimble Co. vs. Greenwood/Cumberland Co., Lady Gator Classic at Greenwood

Saturday, Dec. 28
BASKETBALL (Boys)
4 p.m.
JCIT — Fifth Place Game
6 p.m.
JCIT — Third Place Game
8 p.m.
JCIT — Championship
BASKETBALL (Girls/Women)
TBA
Trimble Co., Lady Gator Classic at Greenwood
5 p.m.
Hanover vs. Otterbein, Smokey Ballenger Classic at Westerville, Ohio

Sunday, Dec. 29
BASKETBALL (Women)
1 p.m.
Hanover vs. Trine, Smokey Ballenger Classic at Westerville, Ohio

Monday, Dec. 30
BASKETBALL (Men)
6 p.m.
Hanover vs. Dubuque, Wheaton Tournament

NFL FOOTBALL

Expanded Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-New England	12	3	0	.800	396	198	6-1-0	6-2-0	8-3-0	4-0-0	5-0-0
x-Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	308	246	4-3-0	6-2-0	7-4-0	3-1-0	3-2-0
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	263	353	5-3-0	1-6-0	3-8-0	3-1-0	1-4-0
Miami	4	11	0	.267	279	470	3-5-0	1-6-0	3-8-0	1-3-0	1-4-0

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Houston	10	5	0	.667	364	350	5-2-0	5-3-0	8-3-0	2-2-0	4-1-0
Tennessee	8	7	0	.533	367	317	4-4-0	4-3-0	6-5-0	2-2-0	2-3-0
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	341	335	5-3-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Jacksonville	5	10	0	.333	262	377	2-5-0	3-5-0	5-6-0	0-4-0	1-4-0

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Baltimore	13	2	0	.867	503	272	6-1-0	7-1-0	9-2-0	4-0-0	4-1-0
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	279	275	5-3-0	3-4-0	6-5-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Cleveland	6	9	0	.400	312	360	4-4-0	2-5-0	6-5-0	0-4-0	3-2-0
Cincinnati	1	14	0	.067	246	397	1-6-0	0-8-0	1-10-0	0-4-0	0-5-0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Kansas City	11	4	0	.733	420	287	4-3-0	7-1-0	8-3-0	3-1-0	5-0-0
Oakland	7	8	0	.467	298	403	5-3-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Denver	6	9	0	.400	266	301	4-3-0	2-6-0	5-6-0	1-3-0	2-3-0
L.A. Chargers	5	10	0	.333	316	314	2-6-0	3-4-0	3-8-0	2-2-0	0-5-0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533	351	337	5-3-0	3-4-0	2-2-0	6-5-0	4-1-0
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	387	305	4-3-0	3-5-0	1-3-0	6-5-0	4-1-0
N.Y. Giants	4	11	0	.267	324	417	2-5-0	2-6-0	1-3-0	3-8-0	2-3-0
Washington	3	12	0	.200	250	388	1-7-0	2-5-0	1-3-0	2-9-0	0-5-0

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-New Orleans	12	3	0	.800	416	331	6-2-0	6-1-0	4-0-0	8-3-0	4-1-0
Tampa Bay	7	8	0	.467	436	421	2-5-0	5-3-0	2-2-0	5-6-0	2-3-0
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	353	377	3-5-0	3-4-0	1-3-0	5-6-0	3-2-0
Carolina	5	10	0	.333	330	428	2-5-0	3-5-0	3-1-0	2-9-0	1-4-0

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	330	283	7-1-0	4-2-0	3-1-0	8-2-0	4-0-0
x-Minnesota	10	4	0	.714	378	259	6-0-0	4-4-0	3-1-0	7-3-0	2-2-0
Chicago	7	8	0	.467	259	279	4-4-0	3-4-0	1-3-0	6-5-0	3-2-0
Detroit	3	11	1	.233	321	400	2-5-0	1-6-1	1-3-0	2-8-1	0-5-0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-San Francisco	12	3	0	.800	453	289	6-2-0	6-1-0	3-1-0	9-2-0	4-1-0
x-Seattle	11	4	0	.733	384	372	4-3-0	7-1-0	3-1-0	8-3-0	3-2-0
L.A. Rams	8	7	0	.533	363	340	4-3-0	4-4-0	2-2-0	6-5-0	2-3-0
Arizona	5	9	1	.367	337	411	2-5-1	3-4-0	2-2-0	3-7-1	1-4-0

x-clinched playoff spot y-clinched division

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 21
Houston 23, Tampa Bay 20
New England 24, Buffalo 17
San Francisco 34, L.A. Rams 31

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Giants 41, Washington 35, OT
Miami 38, Cincinnati 35, OT
New Orleans 38, Tennessee 28
N.Y. Jets 16, Pittsburgh 10
Baltimore 31, Cleveland 15
Indianapolis 38, Carolina 6
Atlanta 24, Jacksonville 12
Oakland 24, L.A. Chargers 17
Denver 27, Detroit 17
Arizona 27, Seattle 13
Philadelphia 17, Dallas 9
Kansas City 26, Chicago 3

Monday's Games
Green Bay at Minnesota, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.

NBA BASKETBALL

Expanded Standings; through Sunday's Games

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Boston	20	7	.741	—	7-3	W-3	12-1	8-6	13-4
Toronto	21	8	.724	—	6-4	W-5	13-3	8-5	14-4
Philadelphia	21	10	.677	1	6-4	W-1	15-2	6-8	14-5
Brooklyn	16	13	.552	5	6-4	W-1	9-5	7-8	10-7
New York	7	23	.233	14½	3-7	L-2	4-11	3-12	3-17

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Miami	21	8	.724	—	7-3	W-2	12-1	9-7	15-2
Orlando	12	17	.414	9	4-6	L-3	8-6	4-11	7-9
Charlotte	13	20	.394	10	4-6	L-3	7-9	6-11	9-13
Washington	8	20	.286	12½	2-8	L-3	4-7	4-13	4-10
Atlanta	6	24	.200	15½	2-8	L-7	3-11	3-13	3-15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Milwaukee	27	4	.871	—	9-1	W-3	15-2	12-2	17-2
Indiana	20	10	.667	6½	7-3	L-1	13-3	7-7	13-8
Chicago	12	19	.387	15	5-5	W-2	6-10	6-9	8-12
Detroit	11	19	.367	15½	4-6	L-4	7-9	4-10	8-17
Cleveland	8	21	.276	18	3-7	W-2	5-10	3-11	5-18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Houston	20	9	.690	—	7-3	W-3	10-4	10-5	12-5
Dallas	19	10	.655	1	6-4	L-1	8-7	11-3	11-4
San Antonio	11	17	.393	8½	5-5	L-1	8-8	3-9	7-10
Memphis	11	19	.367	9½	5-5	W-1	6-11	5-8	7-11
New Orleans	7	23	.233	13½	1-9	L-1	4-11	3-12	6-14

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Denver	20	8	.714	—	7-3	W-6	13-3	7-5	11-4
Utah	18	11	.621	2½	6-4	W-5	11-3	7-8	12-7
Oklahoma City	15	14	.517	5½	7-3	W-4	11-5	4-9	12-10
Portland	14	16	.467	7	6-4	W-4	8-6	6-10	9-11
Minnesota	10	18	.357	10	0-10	L-10	3-10	7-8	4-15

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
L.A. Lakers	24	6	.800	—	7-3	L-3	10-3	14-3	16-3
L.A. Clippers	22	10	.688	3	6-4	L-1	14-2	8-8	14-7
Sacramento	12	17	.414	11½	4-6	L-3	6-5	6-12	8-8
Phoenix	11	18	.379	12½	2-8	L-6	6-11	5-7	7-14
Golden State	6	24	.200	18	2-8	W-1	3-10	3-14	4-17

NHL HOCKEY

Expanded Standings; through Sunday's Games

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Home	Away	Div
Boston	37	21	7	9	51	123	97	12-1-8	9-6-1	8-4-3
Toronto	37	19	14	4	42	125	116	9-4-4	10-10-0	7-5-1
Florida	35	18	12	5	41	126	115	11-7-2	7-5-3	4-4-1
Buffalo	37	17	13	7	41	114	116	11-3-3	6-10-4	6-5-1
Montreal	36	17	13	6	40	115	115	8-8-3	9-5-3	4-5-2
Tampa Bay	34	17	13	4	38	118	110	9-7-2	8-6-2	10-2-0
Ottawa	37	15	18	4	34	103	122	10-5-1	5-13-3	5-5-2
Detroit	38	9	26	3	21	82	150	5-14-1	4-12-2	3-7-0

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Home	Away	Div
Washington	37	26	6	5	57	134	104	10-3-4	16-3-1	4-3-1
N.Y. Islanders	34	23	8	3	49	103	88	13-3-2	10-5-1	6-2-1
Carolina	36	22	12	2	46	118	94	10-6-0	12-6-2	2-6-1
Pittsburgh	36	21	11	4	46	120	96	14-4-2	7-7-2	5-2-3
Philadelphia	36	20	11	5	45	116	105	12-2-4	8-9-1	6-2-2
N.Y. Rangers	35	17	14	4	38	113	113	9-8-2	8-6-2	6-2-0
Columbus	36	16	14	6	38	95	104	11-8-1	5-6-5	6-5-2
New Jersey	35	11	19	5	27	84	127	5-8-5	6-11-0	3-5-1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Home	Away	Div
St. Louis	37	23	8	6	52	114	98	12-4-3	11-4-3	8-1-1
Colorado	36	22	11	3	47	127	100	10-5-2	12-6-1	6-6-0
Winnipeg	36	21	13	2	44	111	101	10-7-1	11-6-1	6-3-1
Dallas	38	20	14	4	44	100	97	12-6-2	8-8-2	7-4-2
Nashville	35	17	12	6	40	123	114	9-6-4	8-6-2	5-4-0
Minnesota	37	17	15	5	39	115	126	9-2-3	8-13-2	2-8-1
Chicago	37	15	16	6	36	104	118	8-8-3	7-8-3	5-6-2

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Home	Away	Div
Arizona	38	21	13	4	46	110	96	8-9-1	13-4-3	7-3-3
Vegas	39	20	13	6	46	119	111	10-6-3	10-7-3	9-3-2
Edmonton	39	20	15	4	44	115	120	9-7-3	11-8-1	8-3-1
Calgary	38	19	14	5	43	104	113	10-5-3	9-9-2	5-5-1
Vancouver	37	18	15	4	40	120	113	10-5-3	8-10-1	5-5-1
Anaheim	37	15	18	4	34	96	114	9-7-2	6-11-2	4-5-1
Los Angeles	38	15	19	4	34	98	120	10-6-1	5-13-3	5-10-1
San Jose	38	16	20	2	34	101	133	10-11-0	6-9-2	8-7-0

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

SPORTS ON THE AIR

TV SPORTSWATCH

Tuesday, December 24
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN — The Hawaii Bowl: Brigham Young at Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

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Wednesday, December 25
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN)
1:30 p.m.
ESPNU — TBA
3:30 p.m.
ESPNU — TBA
6:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — The Diamond Head Classic: Teams TBD, Third Place Game, Honolulu
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — The Diamond Head Classic: Teams TBD, Championship, Honolulu
NBA BASKETBALL
12 p.m.
ESPN — Boston at Toronto
2:30 p.m.
ABC — Milwaukee at Philadelphia
5 p.m.
ABC — Houston at Golden State
8 p.m.
ABC, ESPN — LA Clippers at LA Lakers
10:30 p.m.
ESPN — New Orleans at Denver

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Thursday, December 26
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
4 p.m.
ESPN — The Independence Bowl: Louisiana Tech vs. Miami, Shreveport, La.
8 p.m.
ESPN — The Quick Lane Bowl: Pittsburgh vs. Eastern Michigan, Detroit
NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
TNT — NY Knicks at Brooklyn
10:30 p.m.
TNT — Portland at Utah
SOCCER (MEN)
7:25 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League: Brighton at Tottenham
9:55 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League: Southampton at Chelsea
12:25 p.m.
NBCSN — Premier League: Newcastle United at Manchester United
2:55 p.m.
NBCSN — Premier League: Liverpool at Leicester City
9:30 p.m.
FS1 — Liga MX: Club America at Monterrey
TENNIS
10 p.m.
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: The Hawaii Open, Quarterfinals, Honolulu, Hawaii

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Friday, December 27
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Noon
ESPN — The Military Bowl: North Carolina vs. Temple, Annapolis, Md.
3:20 p.m.
ESPN — The Pinstripe Bowl: Michigan State vs. Wake Forest, New York
6:45 p.m.
ESPN — The Texas Bowl: Oklahoma State vs. Texas A&M, Houston
8 p.m.
FS1 — The Holiday Bowl: Southern California vs. Iowa, San Diego
10:15 p.m.
ESPN — The Cheez-It Bowl: Air Force vs. Washington State, Phoenix
NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
NBATV — Philadelphia at Orlando
8 p.m.
FS Indiana — Indiana at Miami
10:30 p.m.
NBATV — Phoenix at Golden State
NHL HOCKEY
8 p.m.
NBCSN — Minnesota at Colorado
SOCCER (MEN)
2:55 p.m.
NBCSN — Premier League: Manchester City at Wolves
TENNIS
3 p.m.
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: The Hawaii Open, Semifinals, Honolulu, Hawaii

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Saturday, December 28
BOXING
9 p.m.
SHO — Showtime Championship: Gervonta Davis vs. Yuriorkis Gamboa (lightweight), Atlanta
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN)
11:30 a.m.
ESPN2 — Brown at Duke
Noon
BTN — Central Michigan at Purdue
FS1 — American at Georgetown
SECN — Long Beach State at Florida
1:30 p.m.
CBS — Wisconsin at Tennessee
ESPN2 — New Orleans at Memphis
2 p.m.
FS1 — Central Arkansas at Marquette
3 p.m.
PAC-12N — Texas Southern at Arizona State
3:45 p.m.
CBS — Louisville at Kentucky
4 p.m.
BTN — Florida International at Minnesota
FS1 — Louisiana (Monroe) at Butler
5 p.m.
PAC-12N — Cal State Fullerton at UCLA
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN)
6 p.m.
BTN — Michigan State at Indiana
FS1 — Midland at Creighton
8 p.m.
BTN — Michigan at Maryland
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Noon
ABC — Camping World Bowl: Notre Dame vs. Iowa State, Orlando
ESPN — The Cotton Bowl: Memphis vs. Penn State, Dallas
4 p.m.
ESPN — College Football Playoff: The Peach Bowl: Oklahoma vs. Louisiana State, Semifinal Atlanta
8 p.m.
ESPN — College Football Playoff: The Fiesta Bowl: Clemson vs. Ohio State, Semifinal Glendale, Ariz.
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
10 p.m.
PARAMOUNT — Bellator 237 Main Card: Fedor Emelianenko vs. Rampage Jackson (heavyweight), Saitama, Japan
NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
FS Indiana — Indiana at New Orleans
8 p.m.
FS Ohio — Cleveland at Minnesota
NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
NHLN — NY Rangers at Toronto
RUGBY
12:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Premiership: Harlequins vs. Leicester
1 p.m.
ESPNEWS — PRO14: Leinster at Munster
SOCCER (MEN)
7:25 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League: Bournemouth at Brighton
9:55 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League: TBA
12:30 p.m.
NBC — Premier League: Tottenham at Norwich City
2:30 p.m.
NBC — Premier League: Manchester United at Burnley
TENNIS
4 p.m.
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: The Hawaii Open, Finals, Honolulu, Hawaii

Bengals lose and clinch No. 1 pick

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — After 13 losses and three lousy quarters, it was awfully late for the Cincinnati Bengals to start a comeback.

Give them credit — they tried.

The Bengals overcame a 23-point deficit in the final 5:01 and scored 16 points in the last 29 seconds to force overtime, but lost anyway and had to settle for clinching the No. 1 pick in the April draft.

"Our team doesn't care about that right now," coach Zac Taylor said. "We're just trying to win. If you have any competitive juices in you, you can't go on the field and not try to win."

No one will likely accuse Cincinnati of not trying Sunday. But the Bengals lost to the Miami Dolphins 38-35 when Jason Sanders kicked a 37-yard field goal on the last play of overtime.

Cincinnati (1-14) trailed 35-12 before Andy Dalton threw a touchdown pass with 5:01 left.

"All of a sudden this thing comes to life," Taylor said. "Everyone was in it together. That energy was what the energy should be on every play of our season."

Then came the flurry of the final minute in regulation. After another TD pass by Dalton and a 2-point conversion throw cut the deficit to 35-27, the Bengals recovered an onside kick.

They reached the 25 with four seconds left. Miami dropped eight players to the goal line, but 6-foot-6 tight end Tyler Eifert reached above two defenders in the end zone to catch Dalton's throw.

On the 2-point conversion, Dalton couldn't find an open receiver, rolled out and ran to the end zone to tie the game. He spiked the ball and headed toward his bench grinning at the improbability of it all — a memorable moment in a forgettable season.

"You're happy — you just tied the game," Dalton said. "The way the game was going it was a relief, like, 'We did it. Let's go win this game now.'"

Said Taylor: "He was as fiery as I've ever seen him."

Dalton, who has endured a rocky season and even lost his starting job for three games, threw four touchdown passes. He finished 33 for 56 for 396 yards, the second-highest total of his career.

"A big shout-out to Andy," center Trey Hopkins said. "He told us we had a shot and never stopped believing."

There was no overtime magic, though. The Bengals twice forced Miami to punt but went three-and-out each time, and the Dolphins then drove 51 yards for the winning field goal.

It wasn't the first wild overtime game between Cincinnati and Miami. In 2013, Cameron Wake gave the Dolphins a 22-20 victory when he sacked Dalton for a game-winning safety — only the third overtime safety in NFL history.

The Bengals are assured of at least tying for the worst record in club history. They went 2-14 in 2002.

The bright side: They're also assured of the league's worst record, and the No. 1 draft choice that goes with it.

That will likely make some Bengals fans happy.

"Those aren't true fans," Dalton said. "If you're a fan, you want them to win every time they're out there. As a player, you're trying to give your best effort and win."

Hines' long returns send Colts to win

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Nyheim Hines blew one chance to win Indianapolis' punt return job.

He's trying to make sure the opportunity doesn't slip away again.

Hines became the first NFL player in seven years to score on two punt returns in the same game, set up a third touchdown with another long return four plays into the game and gave the Colts a jolt of energy as they pulled away from Carolina 38-6.

Now the Colts (7-8), already eliminated from the playoffs, may have found their future return specialist. In the first three games since replacing the injured Chester Rogers, Hines returned four punts for 66 yards.

On Sunday, he added 195 yards on three returns — an average of 65.0, shattering a franchise record set by Carl Taseff (148) that stood since October 1956. It also was the highest yardage total by any player in the league since Eddie Drummond (199) in December 2007.

Hines' breakout game helped Indy snap a four-game losing streak in its home finale and gives the Colts a chance to avoid their second losing season in three years next week at Jacksonville.

Notes: Marlon Mack rushed 16 times for 95 yards and one score and topped the 1,000-yard mark for the first time. ... Jordan Wilkins had nine carries for 84 yards and a score. ... Brissett was 14 of 27 with 119 yards passing.

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BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Bedford N.L. ends Madison girls' win streak 63-43

Switzerland, Shawe fall; CAM 3rd at Highlands

COURIER STAFF REPORT
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Bedford North Lawrence halted Madison's three-game winning streak 63-43 in girls basketball Saturday in Bedford.

The Stars shot 54% (22-of-41) for the game while holding Madison to just 16-of-48 (33%) from the floor. No Lady Cub was as affected as junior Jade Nutley, who was held to just four points and four rebounds — by far her lowest totals in those areas this season.

Bedford led 13-7 after the first quarter and increased that margin to 31-20 by halftime. The Stars then outscored Madison by 10 in the third quarter to open up some breathing room.

Sophomore Taylor Lynch had 11 points and seven rebounds to led Madison. Meghan Eades scored nine for the Cubs.

Chloe McKnight paced Bedford with 19 points.

Madison, now 8-4 overall and 3-2 in the Hoosier Hills Conference, has the next two weeks off before heading to the tough Plainfield Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 4. The Cubs will face the host Quakers in the opening game and will play either Hamilton Heights or Roncalli in game two.

Pacers fall at Trinity

Trinity Lutheran took the lead late in the third quarter and held on to post a 55-53 win over Switzerland County in boys basketball Friday in Seymour.

After trailing most of the first half, including 21-19 at halftime, Switzerland took the lead early in the third and held it for much of the period before the Cougars went back on top and led by as many as eight.

The Pacers closed the gap to within three on several occasion and to two points late, but couldn't get over the hump.

Damian Breeck had 17 points, nine rebounds and three assists to lead Switzerland while Zach Weaver had 13 points and eight rebounds, and Landon Wilks scored 11 points.

Mitchell Hackman had 18 points and Jack Marksberry scored 17 to lead Trinity.

Switzerland, now 3-3 on the season, competes in the Jefferson County Invitational Tournament at Madison starting on Friday. The Pacers will face Southwestern in the opening round.

CAM 3rd at Highlands

Christian Academy of Madison boys basketball finished third in the Highlands Latin Tournament in Louisville over the weekend.

The Defenders defeated Hearts for Christ 57-41 in the opener on Friday before falling 72-59 to Friendship Christian (Tenn.) in the semifinals Friday night.

CAM then rebounded to beat host Highlands 55-43 in the consolation game on Saturday.

Luke Carter had 25 points and Trent Haggard 13 points and 15 rebounds to lead CAM in the win over Hearts for Christ. Carter had 21 points and Jaxon Miller scored 12 in the loss to Friendship. Luke Carter scored 17 points, Haggard had 13 points and 18 rebounds, and Clay Carter had 13 points in the win over Highlands.

Luke Carter was named to the all-tournament team.

Christian Academy, now 13-3 on the season, takes the next two weeks off before competing in the Columbus Holiday Tournament Jan. 3-4.

Shawe loses to Tigers

Crothersville pulled away in the fourth quarter to post a 58-50 win over Shawe in boys basketball Friday at home.

The Tigers trailed 7-5 after the first quarter but surged ahead 18-16 at halftime and 36-32 after three quarters before winning the fourth by four points.

Henry Grote scored 15 points, Jack Grote had 13 and Chandler Cole scored 11 to lead Shawe.

The Hilltoppers, now 3-5 on the season, host Borden on Friday.

Trimble beats Atherton

Trimble County girls basketball halted a four-game losing streak with a 65-52 win at Louisville Atherton on Friday.

Shelby Wilcoxson scored 26 points to lead the Raiders while Colby O'Connor had 13 and Danielle Craig chipped in eight.

Trimble, now 3-5 on the season, competes in the Lady Gator Holiday Classic in Greenwood this weekend.

Raiders lose to Franklin

Trimble County boys basketball dropped a 79-47 decision at Franklin County on Saturday.

Reece Webster, Austin Cissell and Dylan Jennings each scored 10 points to lead Trimble.

The Raiders, now 2-7 on the season, compete in the Jefferson County Invitational Tournament at Madison on Friday. Trimble will face Henryville and Madison starting at 4 p.m.

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FRIDAY'S BOYS BOXSCORES
at Seymour
TRINITY LUTHERAN 55, SWITZERLAND CO. 53

SWITZERLAND	**9**	**10**	**17**	**17**	**— 53**
TRINITY	**13**	**8**	**21**	**13**	**— 55**

SWITZERLAND CO. (3-3) — Breeck 17, Weaver 13, Wilks 11, Chase 8, Stow 2, Hicks 2, Geyman 0, Snider 0.
TRINITY (3-5) — Hackman 18, Marksberry 17, Goecker 11, Voelker 3, Norton 3, Rowe 3, Hill 0, Woods 0.

3-Point Goals — Switzerland Co. 4 (Breeck 2, Wilks 1 Weaver 1), Trinity 8 (Hackman 3, Marksberry 2, Voelker 1, Norton 1, Rowe 1). **Rebounds —** Switzerland Co. 29 (Breeck 9), Trinity 23 (Goecker 9). **Assists —** Switzerland Co. 9 (Wilks 3, Breeck 3), Trinity 11 (Three with 3). **Turnovers —** Switzerland Co. 8, Trinity 10. **Total Fouls —** Switzerland Co. 18, Trinity 10. **Fouled Out —** Trinity: Marksberry.

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at Crothersville
CROTHERSVILLE 58, SHAWE 50

SHAWE	**7**	**9**	**16**	**18**	**— 50**
CROTHERSVILLE	**5**	**13**	**18**	**22**	**— 58**

SHAWE (3-5) — H. Grote 15, J. Grote 13, Cole 11, Stuart 6, May 5, Goins 0, Powers 0.
CROTHERSVILLE (5-3) — Bright 24, Spall 9, Thomas 7, Keasler 7, Shirley 6, Walls 5, Farmer 0, Helt 0.

3-Point Goals — Shawe 7 (H. Grote 3, J. Grote 3, May 1), Crothersville 4 (Bright 4). **Total Fouls —** Shawe 18, Crothersville 17. **Free Throws —** Shawe 9-15, Crothersville 13-20. **Fouled Out —** None.

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at Louisville
Highlands Latin Tournament
Opening Round
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 57, HEARTS FOR CHRIST 41

CHRISTIAN	**10**	**19**	**7**	**21**	**— 57**
HEARTS	**12**	**12**	**9**	**8**	**— 41**

CHRISTIAN (12-2) — L. Carter 25, Haggard 13, C. Carter 11, Hoskins 4, Miller 3, Gamble 1.
HEARTS FOR CHRIST (0-6) — Frye 15, Erhadt 9, Trego 6, Omer 5, Marcum 3, Greeley 3, Pybus 0, Rowe 0, Snyder 0, Fryar 0.

3-Point Goals — Christian 2 (L. Carter 2), Hearts for Christ 6 (Erhadt 2, Greeley 1, Frye 1, Marcum 1, Omer 1). **Rebounds —** Christian 35 (Haggard 15), Hearts for Christ 35 (Frye 15). **Assists —** Christian 8 (C. Carter 4), Hearts for Christ 5 (Frye 2, Marcum 2). **Total Fouls —** Christian 10, Hearts for Christ 16. **Free Throws —** Christian 13-17, Hearts for Christ 7-12. **Fouled Out —** None.

Semifinals
FRIENDSHIP CHRISTIAN 72, CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 59

CHRISTIAN	**14**	**18**	**18**	**9**	**— 59**
FRIENDSHIP	**19**	**10**	**16**	**27**	**— 72**

CHRISTIAN (12-3) — L. Carter 21, Miller 12, C. Carter 11, Hoskins 8, Haggard 5, Gamble 2.
FRIENDSHIP (5-7) — Mathis 24, Duckwiler 16, Miller 14, Turner 6, Jones 5, Horton 4, Meadows 2, Talley 1, Porter 0.

3-Point Goals — Christian 6 (L. Carter 2, Hoskins 2, C, Carter 1, Miller 1), Friendship 9 (Miller 4, Duckwiler 2, Mathis 2, Jones 1). **Rebounds —** Christian 13 (Haggard 3, C. Carter 3), Friendship 35 (Three with six). **Assists —** Christian 5 (Haggard 2), Friendship 8 (Turner 5). **Total Fouls —** Christian 17, Friendship 16. **Free Throws —** Christian 11-17, Friendship 13-18. **Fouled Out —** None.

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CHRISTIAN	**20**	**14**	**8**	**13**	**— 55**
HIGHLANDS	**20**	**6**	**8**	**9**	**— 43**

CHRISTIAN (13-3) — L. Carter 17, Haggard 13, C. Carter 13, Hoskins 7, Gamble 5, Miller 0.
HIGHLANDS (2-3) — Robison 10, Bickholz 9, Greddes 9, Gilbert 5, Montgomery 5, Hamilton 2, Vanderwoude 2, McGraw 1, Wheatley 0, William 0, Wheat 0, Walrad 0.

3-Point Goals — Christian 6 (L. Carter 2, Hoskins 2, C. Carter 1, Gamble 1), Highlands 3 (Robison 2, Gilbert 1). **Rebounds —** Christian 40 (Haggard 18), Highlands 34 (Vanderwoude 9). **Assists —** Christian 5 (C. Carter 3), Highlands 7 (Vanderwoude 4). **Total Fouls —** Christian 10, Highlands 19. **Free Throws —** Christian 17-28, Highlands 4-9. **Fouled Out —** Highlands: Vanderwoude.

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SATURDAY'S GIRLS BOXSCORE
at Bedford
BEDFORD NORTH LAWRENCE 63, MADISON 43

MADISON	**7**	**13**	**5**	**18**	**— 43**
BEDFORD N.L.	**13**	**18**	**15**	**17**	**— 63**

MADISON (8-4, 3-2 HHC) — Lynch 11, Eades 9, Ferguson 6, Young 5, Dyer 5, Nutley 4, Jay 2, Watson 1, Cahall 0, Ferris 0.
BEDFORD N.L. (9-4, 4-1 HHC) — McKnight 19, Webb 15, Gomez 10, Norman 8, Deckard 4, Louden 3, Kern 2, Moore 2, Crulo-Rood 0, Kinser 0, Sweet 0.

3-Point Goals — Madison 7 (Eades 3, Ferguson 2, Lynch 1, Young 1), Bedford N.L. 7 (McKnight 4, Norman 2, Gomez 1). **Rebounds —** Madison 24 (Lynch 7), Bedford N.L. 31 (McKnight 7, Webb 7). **Assists —** Madison 11 (Jay 3, Young 3), Bedford N.L. 14 (Crulo-Rood 4). **Turnovers —** Madison 10, Bedford N.L. 11. **Total Fouls —** Madison 14, Bedford N.L. 10. **Free Throws —** Madison 4-7, Bedford N.L. 12-16. **Fouled Out —** None.

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IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
39C01-1911-EU-00071

IN THE MATTER OF
THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF
THE ESTATE OF
MILDRED JACKSON,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of December, 2019, Lisa White was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Mildred Jackson, deceased, who died on November 3, 2019.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 7th day of December, 2019.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court
C12/17, 24 hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
39C01-1912-EU-00072

IN THE MATTER
OF THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF
THE ESTATE OF
ALICE L. NAGLE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of December, 2019, Michael Kraus was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Alice L. Nagle, deceased, who died on October 20, 2019.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 7th day of December, 2019.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court
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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
39C01-1912-EU-00076

IN THE MATTER
OF THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF
THE ESTATE OF
JEFFREY FICKLIN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of December, 2019, Timothy Ficklin was appointed personal representative of the estate of Jeffrey Ficklin, deceased, who died on November 18, 2019.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 7th day of December, 2019.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court
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Legal Notice:

MDK # 19-013735 TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-1904-MF-00393 wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SASCO Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-WF4 was Plaintiff, and Brenda Harper was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23rd day of January, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 317 S. Walnut Street Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana. A part of the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 10 East: Beginning at a point or place on the west side of the public highway which is and would be Walnut Street, if extended north from the corporation line of the City of Madison, in said county and state, said beginning point or place being the southeast corner of a lot or parcel of ground that was conveyed to one James J. Middleton by Joseph Roberts and John Miller, by their deed therefore, dated August 3, 1863, thence west, with the south line of said lot or parcel of ground 345 feet; thence north 52 feet; thence east, parallel with said first named line, 254 feet; thence south 11 feet; thence east 119 feet to the said west side of public highway or street; thence south therewith 41 feet to the place of beginning. More commonly known as: 1205 North Walnut Street, Madison, IN 47250 Parcel No. 39-08-35-113-037.000-007 Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. "Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 39C01-1904-MF-00393 in the Circuit Court of the County of Jefferson, Indiana." Attorney for Plaintiff: Nicholas M. Smith ATTORNEY NO. 31800-15 Sheriff of Jefferson County Manley Deas Kochalski LLC P.O. Box 441039 Madison Township Indianapolis, IN 46244 SHERIFF FILE NO: 1205 North Walnut Street Street Address The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. NOTICE MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PURSUANT TO INDIANA LAW, YOU ARE TO VACATE THIS PROPERTY BY THE DATE OF THE SALE SET OUT ABOVE UNLESS THE SALE IS CANCELLED. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR SALE AT www.sri-sheriffsale.com.
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Legal Notice:

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jefferson Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-1908-MF-00758 wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association was Plaintiff, and The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Maria C. Sullivan, Deceased and The Unknown Tenant were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23rd day of January, 2020, at the hour of 10 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 317 South Walnut Street, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana. Lot Numbered 51 and 52 in Clifty Heights Subdivision in Madison, Indiana. More commonly known as 1714 Clifty Dr, Madison, IN 47250-1626 Parcel No. 39-08-20-441-054.000-007 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.
MATTHEW S. LOVE, Plaintiff Attorney David Thomas, Sheriff Attorney # 18762-29 FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250 (317) 237-2727 Madison Township The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. NOTICE FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA,
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on January 7, 2020 at 5:00 o'clock, P.M., in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following: Nancy Edmonds, telephone 812-801-5308, property located at 7235 W Warman Road, Hanover, IN, makes application to the Jefferson County, IN, Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance of the zoning requirements of Jefferson County, IN, on the following described real estate located in Jefferson County, IN: a part of SEQ of Section 28, T3N, R9E, Hanover Township. Applicant is requesting a variance from developmental standards from ninety feet setback from the center of the road to seventy-five feet setback in order to replace a 70'x16'mobile home on property. Also, Chris Vezina, telephone 812-701-0164, property located at 7018 N US 421, Madison, IN, makes application to Jefferson County, IN, Board of Zoning Appeals for a conditional use permit and a variance of the zoning requirements of Jefferson County, IN, on the following described real estate located in Jefferson County, IN: SWQ of Sec 26, T5N, R10 E & part of NWQ of Sec 35, T5N, R10E, Monroe Township. Applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to open a canine training facility and a variance from developmental standards from fifty feet setback from right-of-way of the road to thirty-four feet setback due to concrete slab already poured. Also Organization: the Board of Zoning Appeals will elect a chairman and vice-chairman from its members for the year 2020. Also the Board of Zoning Appeals may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. By: Lynette M. Anderson, Secretary, Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals
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LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
PLAN COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson Street, Madison, Indiana. Discuss tabled items: Zoning Violations at 10218 W Polk Road and 6278 W New Bethel Road. Also zoning violations at 6426 N Halls Ridge Road. Also Organization: The Plan Commission will elect a president and vice-president from its members for the year 2020. Also, discuss update on Comprehensive Plan and Solar and Wind Energy Ordinance. Also, the Plan Commission may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION. By: Lynette Anderson, Secretary, Jefferson County Plan Commission

LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
PLAN COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission will meet in executive session, Tuesday, January 7, 2020, directly following the regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss strategy with respect to pending litigation as authorized under IC 5.14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B). BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION BY: Lynette M. Anderson, Secretary, Jefferson County Plan Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
PLAN COMMISSION and
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 5:15 P.M., in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN. The purpose of the meeting is to appoint Pat Magrath as attorney for the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals and to approve the attorney agreement for the year 2020. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. By: Lynette M. Anderson, Secretary, Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37, notice is hereby given that the board of School Trustees of the Madison Consolidated Schools will meet at 6:00 p.m. on January 8, 2020, at 2421 Wilson Ave, Madison, Indiana, to hold a hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including site improvements, roofing, solar, HVAC improvements and lighting. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.
Dated December 24, 2019.
/s/Larry Henry
Secretary,
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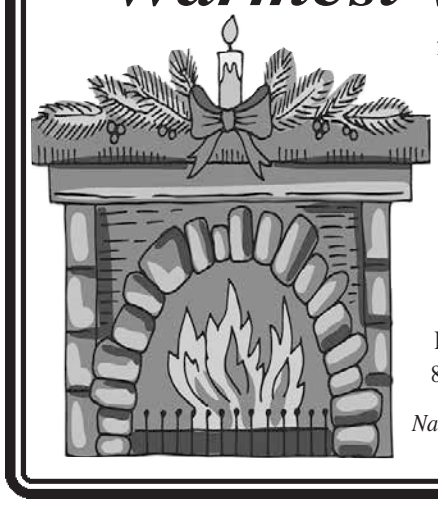

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	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	Sounds	Sounds	★★★★ "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) CC (DVS)						News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Theory	NCIS CC (DVS)		FBI "Closure"		FBI CC		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	Holly	Extra	★★★★ "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) CC (DVS)						News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Inside	ET	Masters-Illusion		Countdown		News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		9 On	ABC	9 On	The List	Santa Claus		CMA Country Christmas				9 On
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	Santa Claus		CMA Country Christmas				News
15 WKPC	13		News	Busi	PBS NewsHour		Carols-Lucy		Holidays-State		Frontline CC		World
19 WXIX	10		Jeop	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	A Christmas Story Live!				FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	NCIS CC (DVS)		FBI "Closure"		FBI CC		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Last	Last	Mod	Theory	Masters-Illusion		Countdown		Theory	black-	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	A Christmas Story Live!				News	Sports	News
A&E	28	36	(5:00) ★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993)				★★ "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997)						"Juras
AMC	29	26	"Polar Express"		★★★ "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. CC				"National Lamp. Christmas"				"Elf"
COM	45	59	(:15) The Office		Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	"Night at the Museum"		
DISC	31	38	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners: Moonshiners Christmas				
DISN	25	29	Bunk'd	Jessie CC		Gabby	Party	Music	Sydney	Just	Raven	K.C.	K.C.
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter (N)		Pey	CFB	College Football SoFi Hawaii Bowl -- Hawaii vs BYU. (N) CC						
FREE	18	40	"Dr. Seuss' How Grinch Stole Christmas"					Frosty	Rudolph		Santa Claus		700
FX	40	28	★★ "The Night Before" (2015)				FX's A Christmas Carol CC						"Office"
HBO	201	17	"The Kid Who Would Be King"		★★ "Little" (2019) Regina Hall.						"The Sun Is Also a Star"		
MAX	270	73	"Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again"		★ "Say It Isn't So" (2001)				(:40) ★ "Monkeybone"				"Quan
PARMT	35	41	"John Wick: Chapter 2"			★★★ "John Wick" (2014) Keanu Reeves.					"John Wick: Chapter 2"		
SHOW	221	16	(5:20) ★★★ "American Gangster"				Ray Donovan		Inside the NFL		Shameless CC		In NFL
TMC	233	74	(5:50) ★★★ "In the Line of Fire"				★★★ "The Patriot" (2000) Mel Gibson. Premiere.						"Catch
TNT	27	43	(5:00) "Hitch"		★★ "Monster-in-Law" (2005)				★★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983)				"Christ
USA	26	33	"Harry Potter-Prisoner of Azkaban"					(:28) "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"					"Fan
WGN-A	20	20	"Squeakquel"		"Alvin-Chipwrecked"				★★ "We Bought a Zoo" (2011) CC				

WEDNESDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	Grinch	★★ "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"					News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Theory	Neigh	Bob	Mom	Carol's	All Rise CC		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	Holly	Extra	Grinch	★★ "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"					News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Inside	ET	iHeartRadio Jingle Ball			Whose?	News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		NBA Basketball			The	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Lakers					black-	9 On
11 WHAS	11	4	NBA Basketball			The	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Lakers					black-	News
15 WKPC	13		News	Busi	PBS NewsHour		Lucy Worsley		Call the Midwife (N) CC			Danube	World
19 WXIX	10		"Star"		Wheel	J'pardy!	The Moodys		The Moodys		FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Neigh	Bob	Mom	Carol's	All Rise CC		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Last	Last	Mod	Theory	iHeartRadio Jingle Ball			Whose?	Theory	black-	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	Friends	Friends	Judge	Judge	The Moodys		The Moodys		News	Sports	Preview
A&E	28	36	(5:00) Live PD CC				Live PD (Part 1 of 2) CC				Live PD CC		
AMC	29	26	"National Lamp. Christmas"				★★★ "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. CC				★★★ "Elf" (2003) CC		
COM	45	59	Dunham		Dunham		★★ "Night at the Museum" (2006)				★★★ "Bad Santa" (2003)		
DISC	31	38	Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Man vs. Bear (N) CC				
DISN	25	29	Stuck/Middle		Sydney	Bunk'd	Raven	Gabby	Just	Coop	Big City	Sydney	K.C.
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter (N) CC			The	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Lakers					NBA Basketball	
FREE	18	40	(5:50) ★★★ "Home Alone" (1990) CC				(:20) "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"						700
FX	40	28	Christmas Carol		(:15) ★★ "Office Christmas Party" (2016)						★★ "The Night Before" (2015)		
HBO	201	17	"Sha	(:27) "Jingle All the Way"			★★★ "Bohemian Rhapsody"				(:15) "Love Actually"		
MAX	270	73	(:15) ★★ "Life of the Party" (2018)				★★ "Skyscraper" (2018)				(:45) ★★★ "Ready Player One"		
PARMT	35	41	(5:00) ★★★ "Die Hard" (1988)				★★★ "Die Hard" (1988, Action) Bruce Willis. CC						"Die
SHOW	221	16	(:15) ★★ "Second Act" (2018)				★★★ "Green Book" (2018)				"Mom Christmas"		
TMC	233	74	"Fur	★★ "Mo' Money" (1992)			★★ "Evan Almighty"				(:40) ★★ "The Whole Nine Yards"		
TNT	27	43	"Christmas"		★★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983)				★★★★ "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)				"Male
USA	26	33	"Harry Potter-Phoenix"				WWE NXT (N) (Live) CC				"Harry Potter"		
WGN-A	20	20	"Die	★★★ "Die Hard" (1988, Action) Bruce Willis. CC						★★★ "Die Hard 2" (1990) CC			

THURSDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	Ellen's Game		"Coat of Many Colors"				News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Theory	Sheldon	Unicorn	Mom	Carol's	Evil "Vatican III"		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	Holly	Extra	Ellen's Game		"Coat of Many Colors"				News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Inside	ET	iHeartRadio		Legacies CC		News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		9 On	ABC	9 On	The List	Charlie Brown		The Great American Baking Show				9 On
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	Charlie Brown		The Great American Baking Show				News
15 WKPC	13		News	Busi	PBS NewsHour		Antiques		Doc Martin CC		Father Brown		World
19 WXIX	10		Jeop	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	9-1-1 CC (DVS)		The Moodys		FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Sheldon	Unicorn	Mom	Carol's	Evil "Vatican III"		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Last	Last	Mod	Theory	iHeartRadio		Legacies CC		Theory	black-	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	9-1-1 CC (DVS)		The Moodys		News	Sports	News
A&E	28	36	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam		PD Cam		Court	Court	Live PD: Wanted		PD Cam
AMC	29	26	"Natl Lmpn"		"National Lamp. Christmas"				"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"				
COM	45	59	South Park CC		South	South	South	South	South	South	South	South	South
DISC	31	38	Homestead		Homestead		Homestead		Naked and Afraid "Deadly Aggression" (N)				
DISN	25	29	Sydney	Raven	Raven	Raven	Gabby	Gabby	Gabby	Just	Just	Andi	Andi
ESPN	32	44	College Football			Scores	College Football: Quick Lane Bowl						
FREE	18	40	★★★ "Shrek" (2001) CC				Simp	Simp	Simp	Simp	Simp	Simp	700
FX	40	28	★★ "Minions" (2015) CC				★★ "Despicable Me 3" (2017)				★★ "Despicable Me 3"		
HBO	201	17	"Sucker Punch"		His Dark Mat.		REAL Sports		★★★ "The Town" (2010) CC				Beli
MAX	270	73	(5:45) ★★★ "BlacKkKlansman"				★★★ "Hanna" (2011) CC				(9:55) "The Operative"		
PARMT	35	41	"Indiana Jones"			★★★★ "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981)					"Indiana Jones"		
SHOW	221	16	(5:30) ★★★ "The Help" (2011)				Cou	Cou	Cou	Cou	Cou	Cou	Cou
TMC	233	74	★★★ "House of Flying Daggers"				"Elizabeth Harvest" (2018)				★★★ "Gattaca" (1997)		
TNT	27	43	Bones CC		Bones CC		NBA Basketball: Spurs at Mavericks					NBA Basketball	
USA	26	33	(:01) "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1"				"Harry Potter and Deathly"						Mod
WGN-A	20	20	Blue Bloods		Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last

FRIDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	"Dolly Parton's Christmas"				Dateline NBC		News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Theory	Hawaii Five-0		Magnum P.I.		Blue Bloods		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	Holly	Extra	"Dolly Parton's Christmas"				Dateline NBC		The
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Inside	ET	Guitar Legends		Best of 2019		News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		9 On	ABC	9 On	The List	House	Fresh-	20/20 CC				9 On
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	House	Fresh-	20/20 CC				News
15 WKPC	13		News	Busi	PBS NewsHour		Com	Wash	Craft in America		Craft in America		World
19 WXIX	10		Jeop	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N)				FOX19		Final
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Hawaii Five-0		Magnum P.I.		Blue Bloods		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Last	Last	Mod	Theory	Guitar Legends		Best of 2019		Theory	black-	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N)				News	Sports	News
A&E	28	36	(5:00) Live PD CC				Live PD: Rewind		Live PD "Live PD -- 12.01.18" CC				
AMC	29	26	(5:30) ★★★★ "The Godfather" (1972) Marlon Brando. CC							★★★★ "The Godfather, Part II"			
COM	45	59	South	South	South	(:45) South Park	South	South	South	South	South	South	South
DISC	31	38	Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush: Pay		Gold Rush Rick races to get Monster Red running.						Gold
DISN	25	29	Gabby	Raven	Raven	Raven	★★★ "Sing" (2016) CC				Gabby	Sydney	Raven
ESPN	32	44	Football	College Football: Academy Sports & Outdoors Texas Bowl							College Football		
FREE	18	40	Simp	Simp	Simp	Simp	Simp	Simp	★★★ "Matilda" (1996) CC				700
FX	40	28	(5:30) ★★ "Taken 3" (2014)				★★★ "American Made" (2017) Tom Cruise.					"American"	
HBO	201	17	"Mou	Mel Brooks: Unwrapped			★★★ "A Star Is Born" (2018) CC					"Just Like"	
MAX	270	73	"Jaws"	(:20) ★★★ "Hero" (2002)			★★ "The Darkest Minds"		(:45) ★★ "Lights Out"				"Casino
PARMT	35	41	★★ "Night at the Museum" (2006) CC				★★ "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams.						"Goon
SHOW	221	16	"Fast and Furious-Drift"			New Order: Decades CC			Duran		Flack (N) CC		The L
TMC	233	74	"SWAT	★★ "Flypaper" (2011)			★★★ "Lars and the Real Girl"				"Tenenbaums"		
TNT	27	43	Bones CC		Bones CC		★★ "Divergent" (2014) Shailene Woodley. CC (DVS)						"Insur
USA	26	33	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Mod
WGN-A	20	20	Blue Bloods		Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last

HIGH EMOTION: Southwestern coach Jerry Bomholt talks to his team during a timeout in Friday's loss at home to Jac-Cen-Del. (Photo by Devin Rowe)

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Jac-Cen-Del (4-2, 2-0 ORVC) blazed the nets to start the game with seven 3-pointers in the first half as five different players scored. The Eagles led 23-8 at the end of the first quarter on six points each by Baber, Wyatt Day and Cameron Gehl along with five points by Ohlmansiek.

Ohlmansiek exploded for two threes en route to eight points in the second quarter and Neal came off the bench for six points while Day added four to push the Eagles to a 41-22 halftime lead. Day and Neal each scored 16 points to lead Jac-Cen-Del on the night while Baber added 11 points.

Mefford, who was visibly dealing with the effects of a hip injury suffered in Wednesday night's loss at Jeffersonville, played through the pain on Friday and did his best to put a Southwestern comeback on his shoulders.

Mefford scored 14 points in the first half, including 11 in the second quarter and added 15 more points in the second half to tie his season-high of 29 points. Kramer added 12 points but the rest of the roster mustered just 19 points combined.

"Foster (Mefford) tonight ... he's 50 percent and he goes for 29 points," Bomholt noted. "That kid is a player. AK (Austin Kramer) didn't have the best of nights but we were counting on Foster, AK and Billy (Eccles). We just don't have the other guys. It was just another one of those nights. When are we going to get the other guys back? I don't know. We hope to get one back by the JCIT and if not we hope after the first of the year for both."

Southwestern opens the Jefferson County Invitational Tournament at Madison on Friday against Switzerland County at 10 a.m. and will play Morristown at 6 p.m. The championship will be Saturday.

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JAC-CEN-DEL 68,
2A No. 8 SOUTHWESTERN 60

JAC-CEN-DEL	**23**	**18**	**10**	**17**	**— 68**
SOUTHWESTERN	**8**	**14**	**17**	**21**	**— 60**

JAC-CEN-DEL (4-2, 2-0 ORVC) — Day 16, Ohlmansiek 16, Baber 11, Neal 9, Gehl 8, Simon 8, Deal 0, Menchhofer 0.

SOUTHWESTERN (5-4, 1-1 ORVC) — Mefford 29, Kramer 12, Cline 8, Hatton 8, Eccles 3, Cloud 0.

3-Point Goals — Jac-Cen-Del 9 (Day 4, Ohlmansiek 3, Gehl 2), Southwestern 2 (Mefford 1, Eccles 1). **Total Fouls —** Jac-Cen-Del 23, Southwestern 14. **Free Throws —** Jac-Cen-Del 7-16, Southwestern 28-33. **Fouled Out —** None.

LAUNCH ANGLE: Madison's Mason Welsh fires a 3-pointer during the Cubs' loss to Bedford North Lawrence at home on Friday. (Staff photo by David Campbell)

•Madison

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and Kaden Oliver and Luke Ommen each scored 12. Welsh also had eight assists.

Trey Hargrave scored 18 points to lead Austin.

Madison, now 5-2 on the season, hosts the Jefferson County Invitational Tournament starting on Friday. The Cubs will open the tournament against Henryville at noon and face Trimble County at 8 p.m. The championship game will be on Saturday.

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FRIDAY'S BOYS GAME
at Madison
BEDFORD N.L. 64, MADISON 55

BEDFORD N.L.	**16**	**10**	**19**	**19**	**— 64**
MADISON	**14**	**16**	**10**	**15**	**— 55**

BEDFORD N.L. (4-2, 1-1 HHC) — Bailey 29, Mollet 13, Miracle 12, Leach 8, Staley 2, Staggs 0.

MADISON (4-2, 1-1 HHC) — Welsh 19, Miller 13, Oliver 11, Ommen 4, Falconberry 4, Center 2, Ferguson 2, Yancey 0.

3-Point Goals — Bedford N.L. 1 (Mollet 1), Madison 8 (Miller 3, Welsh 3, Oliver 1, Ommen 1). **Rebounds —** Bedford N.L. 25 (Bailey 7, Leach 7), Madison 17 (Miller 4, Welsh 4). **Assists —** Bedford N.L. 16 (Staley 4, Bailey 4), Madison 10 (Oliver 4). **Turnovers —** Bedford N.L. 7, Madison 7. **Total Fouls —** Bedford N.L. 13, Madison 13. **Free Throws —** Bedford N.L. 5-8, Madison 9-13. **Fouled Out —** Bedford N.L.: Staley. Madison: Welsh.

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SATURDAY'S BOYS GAME
at Austin
MADISON 65, AUSTIN 56

MADISON	**14**	**21**	**8**	**22**	**— 65**
AUSTIN	**13**	**14**	**9**	**20**	**— 56**

MADISON (5-2) — Miller 25, Welsh 13, Oliver 12, Ommen 12, Falconberry 3, Yancey 0, Ferguson 0.

AUSTIN (1-7) — Hargrave 18, Stidham 14, Mosier 10, Craig 6, P. West 3, J. West 3, Parker 2, Gwin 0, Bowling 0, Watts 0, Montgomery 0.

3-Point Goals — Madison 8 (Miller 4, Oliver 2, Ommen 2), Austin 8 (Stidham 4, Craig 1, P. West 1, J. West 1, Hargrave 1). **Rebounds —** Madison 29 (Falconberry 6), Austin 19 (Hargrave 5, Mosier 5). **Assists —** Madison 16 (Welsh 8), Austin 13 (Stidham 7). **Turnovers —** Madison 10, Austin 10. **Total Fouls —** Madison 13, Austin 19. **Free Throws —** Madison 9-14, Austin 2-3. **Fouled Out —** Austin: Mosier.

WRESTLING

Van Skinner runner-up at Jeff Classic

COURIER STAFF REPORT
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Illness and injury limited Madison's wrestling team to just seven athletes available but the Cubs still managed to place 11th out of 17 teams in the Jeff Classic at Jeffersonville on Saturday.

Six of the seven Cubs placed in the top eight on the day led by freshman Van Skinner, who finished a strong second at 170 pounds. Skinner tore through the field before falling 14-11 to semistate qualifier Landon Hoover of Gibson Southern to become the first Madison freshman since Robby Taylor in 2007 to reach the Jeff Classic championship.

"Van put together a good tourney today," said Madison coach Tyson Skinner. "His semifinal match was his first match to go past the second period this season and in his finals he scored first against a pretty talented senior and was close to tying it as he hit a nice throw as time ticked down but couldn't secure the three points for near fall to tie it up."

Dalton Berry (21-3) placed fourth at 182 pounds for the Cubs while Mason Long (23-2) was fifth at 152. Jacob McRoberts (21-5) was sixth at 126, Dylan Fulton (15-2) was sixth at 220, and Louis Humes (14-5) was eighth at 145.

"We wrestled strong until the final whistle today. We preach pushing the pace and setting the tone early and I think we did that the majority of the time," coach Skinner said. "Dalton and Mason looked strong and got some nice wins that will help them out later in the year. Jacob is battling and finding ways to win. His Jennings placement match slipped through his fingers but that is a winnable match for him down the road."

Madison returns to action on Saturday at Jay County for the ECIC.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

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— Shawe junior varsity boys basketball defeated Crothersville 55-54 in double overtime on Friday.

Braedon Collins scored 32 points, including eight in the overtime, to lead Shawe. Davis Grote had seven points and Wyatt Nichter scored five.

Shawe, now 2-4 on the season, hosts Borden on Friday.

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— Madison jayvee boys basketball lost to Bedford North Lawrence 44-32 at home on Friday.

Carson Roark scored 14 points to lead the Cubs.

Madison, now 1-5 on the season, was to visi Austin on Saturday. The Cubs' next game is Jan. 10 at Scottsburg.

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Therapy dogs visit the library

Jefferson County Public Library hosts Reading to Dogs

Cory Bougher (left) and Rilla Strunk read to Scout, a therapy dog with The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. (Courier staff photos by Elisabeth Moore)

Aurora was one of five therapy dogs who participated in the Jefferson County Public Library's Reading to Dogs event on Dec. 21.

Scout poses in front of one of the library's decorations.

Each dog brought to the library was trained to be a therapy dog. Scout (above) and Annie Oakley (below) were two of five dogs who participated in this event.

Courier staff report

The Jefferson County Public Library went to the dogs as families had the opportunity to read to therapy dogs from The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs Inc. Saturday, Dec. 22.

Five dogs, varying from border collies to golden retrievers, visited the library to participate in a reading time for children and families. With the holiday season happening, few participated in the reading time, but the dogs and their owners still took the opportunity to use the library's decorations to take photos.

For future Jefferson County Library events or for more information, call 812-265-2744, go to www.mjcpl.org or go to their Facebook page.

Welcome to the World

Crystal and Charles Lock announce the birth of their daughter, Melody Patricia Rose Lock, on Oct. 10, 2019 at King's Daughters' Hospital.

Melody weighed 4 pounds and 6.5 ounces at birth. She was 18.24 inches in length.

Her maternal grandparents are Larry Eaglin of Madison and Diane Harmeyer of Milan. Her paternal grandparents are Charlie Lock on Madison and the late Patricia Lock of Madison.

Jim and Sara Levielle (Submitted photo)

Golden Shamrock award

Prince of Peace Catholic schools have announce that two long-time supporters of the schools have been chosed as the 2020 Golden Shamrock award winners.

Jim and Sara Levielle will be honored for this award following the Mass Jan. 30, 2020. This Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Shawe Gymnasium.

The Golden Shamrock is the highest award within Prince of Peace Catholic Schools and is based on criteria like the long term support of the schools, long term community and volunteer service, positive image in the community and much more. Prince of Peace Catholic Schools are encouraging the community to attend the Mass and a reception that will following in the Shawe Lounge after Mass.

For more information, call 812-273-5835.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Join Coffee Creek Baptist Church for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Dec. 24. This church is located at 2970 W. County Road 990 S. in Paris Crossing, Indiana.

Clothed in Love: Hopewell Baptist Church will be hosting a clothing giveaway the first Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the third Tuesday of each month from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The church is at 3078 N. Thompson Road. All are welcome. For more information, call 812-595-1855 or 812-595-2429.

Community Prayer Group/ SWORD Group: This group will meet every third Monday of the month at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the old Eggleston School at Third and East Streets in Madison. Enter the main East Street door. Join others in this group to pray for the community and community needs. For more information, call Jan Anderson at 812-866-4337.

Jesus Clothes Closet: The Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St. in Madison is open every Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with free clothes from infants to adults. Guests should use the church's Main Street entrance. The store is closed holidays that fall on a Monday.

Open Gym: Hanover Baptist Church will have an open gym for walking every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Hanover Baptist Church is at 151 W. Main St. in Hanover.

Worship in the Park: Enjoy worship in the great outdoors at 11 a.m. every Sunday beside the Broadway Fountain. Bring your lawn chair and worship with a mix of live and recorded music. Worship with the praise band Smashing Stained Glass. Services are weather-permitting. For more information, call Trinity United Methodist Church at 812-265-3059.

Faith Events

Have an event with your church or religious organization? Have it published free in the "Faith Events" calendar.

Submit events online at www.madisoncourier.com or email them to zelda@madisoncourier.com

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- Nancy R. - 65

To publish birthdays, anniversaries or belated birthdays, call (812) 265-3641 or email zelda@madisoncourier.com

Looking Ahead

Have a non-profit, school or group event coming up? Have it published free in the "Looking Ahead" calendar.

Submit events online at www.madisoncourier.com or email them to zelda@madisoncourier.com

Special Events

Teen Volunteer Program: Teens can help with various projects and earn community service hours at the Jefferson County Public Library in Madison. Teens must complete the volunteer application and background check to attend. New applications are always being accepted. Registration is required. The schedule for volunteering is based on volunteer availability. To register or for more information, go to www.mjcpl.org or call the library at 812-265-2744.

Winter Reading: All ages of children and adults can participate in the Jefferson County Library's winter reading program. Pick up a card at any service desk. For each card completed, participants will win a prize. All children entries will be put into grand prize drawings for gift certificates to McWiggins Wonder Emporium. Children can enter up to nine cards through Jan. 31. For teens, every five hours read will earn a free book from a prize box. Teen reading logs will also double as a raffle ticket and names will be drawn for gift cards throughout this event. For adults, submit an entry form at either library for each book read and four gift card winners will be chosen each week.

December 24

"The Night Before Christmas" by Clement Moore: At 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Village Lights Bookstore will present the annual on-air reading of "A Visit from St. Nicholas" and other seasonal favorites on WORX, 96.7 FM.

December 26

Moving for Better Health: The free strength and balance exercise class will meet from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Lide White Memorial Boys & Girls Club/Family & Community Center. For more information, call 812-273-1072.

Make & Take Thursdays: Learn how to make puzzles and snowman hot cocoa at 1 p.m. at the Carroll County Public Library. Registration is required. To register or for more information, go to www.carrollcountylibrary.org call the library at 502-732-7020.

Short Film: Empty Skies: Join Luke Charles Fisher and Wenting Deng Fisher, writers and directors of the award-winning "Empty Skies," for a holiday evening showing of their short film at 6 p.m. at the Jefferson County Public Library in Madison. In this 19-minute drama, a boy and his new friend hunt their village's last sparrow for a reward to save his sick grandma during Communist China's Great Leap Forward (1958-1961). The showing will be followed by a Q&A with the directors. For more information, go to www.mjcpl.org or call the library at 812-265-2744.

PFLAG Youth Group: Will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the annex building of the Christ Episcopal Church in Madison. This group is for LGBTQ+ and allies to make new friends, enjoy activities and discussions in a safe and affirming space.

December 27

PhDs: Use this time at 3 p.m. at the Carroll County Public Library to finish your Projects Half Done (PhDs). For more information, go to www.carrollcountylibrary.org or call the library at 502-732-7020.

Teen Craft: Meet at 3 p.m. at the Carroll County Public Library to watch movies and eat popcorn during this teen craft time. For more information, go to www.carrollcountylibrary.org call the library at 502-732-7020.

Saturday Night Stitchers: Stitchers of all stripes can meet in the Village Lights Bookstore Reading Room from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, go to www.villagelightsbooks.com or call 812-265-1800.

December 28

Christmas Bird Count: Join members of the Indiana Audubon Society on their annual Christmas Bird Count. This event will start at 8 a.m. in the lounge at the Clifty Falls State Park Inn. Bring your binoculars and field guides. To register and obtain further information, contact Dick Davis at 812-273-2656 on or before Thursday, Dec. 26.

Weave A Winter Scarf: Weave your very own scarf to wear this winter at 2 p.m. at the Family Room at the Clifty Falls State Park Inn. Register for this one-and-a-half-hour workshop by calling 812-273-0609. This workshop is limited to 20 participants and is $5. For more information, call the Clifty Falls State Park Nature Center at 812-273-0609, email Kayla Leach at kleach@dnr.in.gov or email Stefan Johnson at StJohnson@dnr.in.gov

Graham Cracker Houses: Build a house fit for an elf or fairy using graham crackers, nilla wafers, frosting and candy at 2 p.n. at the Jefferson County Public Library in Madison. This creative craft is edible and fun to make. All ages are welcome. Registration is required and admission is free. To register or for more information, go to www.mjcpl.org or call the library at 812-265-2744.

Fish Fry: The Dupont Lancaster Township Fire Department will host a fish fry from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dupont Fire House.

December 30

Moving for Better Health: The free strength and balance exercise class will meet from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Mondays at the Brown Gym. For more information, call 812-273-1072.

Fourth Monday Book Group: Joing the Carroll County Public Library at noon for a discussion of "Mr. Dickens and His Carol" by Samantha Silva. Copies are available at the front desk of the library. For more information, go to www.carrollcountylibrary.org call the library at 502-732-7020.

Make & Take Thursdays: Learn how to make cake pops at 1 p.m. at the Carroll County Public Library. Registration is required. To register or for more information, go to www.carrollcountylibrary.org call the library at 502-732-7020.

Zumba: Will meet at 4 p.m. at the Carroll County Public Library. For more information, call the library at 502-732-7020 or go to www.carrollcountylibrary.org

Yoga: Practice self care from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Trimble County Public Library. This free class is open to all ages and levels of experience. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, go to www.trimblelibrary.org or call the library at 502-255-7362.

December 31

Thank You Card Crafts: Visit the Jefferson County Public Library in Madison from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. to create fun thank you cards. All ages are welcome and admission is free. For more information, go to www.mjcpl.org or call the library at 812-265-2744.

January 1

First Day Hike: Meet at the Clifty Falls State Park Poplar Grove Shelter at 1 p.m. for this three-mile very rugged hike to journey back through time. Hear how the park was formed, see two of the park waterfalls and walk part of the old railroad path while discovering its unique story. This hike will take roughly two to two-and-a-half-hours. Cookies and water will be provided after the hike.

Submit Looking Ahead items for new year

Individuals and groups that have recurring events appearing in Looking Ahead are reminded that these events must be resubmitted for 2020. All events that are currently scheduled will stop running at the end of December.

Looking Ahead items must be in writing and hand-carried, mailed, faxed or e-mailed to The Madison Courier two weeks before the date of the activity or meeting. The Madison Courier is at 310 West St., Madison, IN 47250. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The fax number is (812) 273-6903 or e-mail us at zelda@madisoncourier.com.

Award-winning film 'Empty Skies' to be shown at library

Courier staff report

Charles Fisher and Wenting Deng Fisher, writers and directors of the award-winning film "Empty Skies," will be joining the Jefferson County Public Library in Madison for a free holiday showing of their short film.

In this 19-minute dramatic film, a bou and his new friend hunt their village's last sparrow for a reward to save his sick grandmother during Communist China's Great Leap Forward during 1958 to 1961. The showing will be followed by a question and answer portion with the directors.

Nominated for a Student Academy Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, "Empty Skies" won the Best Short Fiction FIlm at the Innsbruck Nature Film Festival in Austria and was screened at the American Pavilion at Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France and other festivals around the world. This film was funded in part by people in the community of Madison and has experienced significant issues with censorship. The creators said they are proud to bring it back to Madison for this screening.

Wenting Deng Fisher is a director and cinematographer currently based in Los Angeles. She grew up in Northern China and studied in the United States. Her visual style is influenced by Ed Lachman, Gordon Willis, Christopher Doyle, Edward Hopper, Andrew Wyeth and Fan Ho.

Luke Fisher, a Madison native, currently works in Los Angeles as a freelance writer, director and editor contributing to all sizes and formats of projects. Luke's passion is writing and directing emotional and moving content that entertains and inspires freedom and creativity in the individual.

"Empty Skies" will be shown Thursday, Dec. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Jefferson County Public Library in Madison.

The Jefferson County Public Library was founded in 1818 and serves its patrons and community with opportunities to obtain and use information in a variety of formats, to pursue lifelong learning, to explore recreational interests and to better understand personal and regional heritage. For more information, call 812-265-2744 or go to www.mjcpl.org

Dean's list for university

Three local students have been named to Campbellsville University's Fall 2019 academic honors' dean's list.

Bailey Dute, a freshman from Milton, Kentucky, Alan Joseph Karst, a senior from Madison, and Austin Michael Mahoney, a senior from Madison, were named on the dean's list by Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Campbellsville University is a widely-acclaimed Kentucky-based Christian university with more than 14,000 students offering over 100 programs of study, including Ph.D., master, baccalaureate, associate, pre-professional and certification programs. For more information, go to www.campbbellsvile.edu

Berea dean's list

More than 460 Berea College students were named to the Fall 2019 dean's list, with two being from the Courierarea.

Katherine Gonterman of Campbellsburg, Kentucky, and Ericah Martinez of Sanders, Kentucky were named on the dean's list. A student on the dean's list must achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

Berea College offers bachelor's degrees in 34 majors, including arts and sciences and select professional programs, as well as independent majors designed by students to mirror approved majors at other colleges. Berea College awards four-year tuition scholarships to all its students, who because of financial circumstances cannot otherwise afford a high-quality, residential, liberal arts education.

Kentuckiana scholarship

Applications are now open for the 17th annual Black History Makers of Tomorrow scholarship across Kentuckiana.

This program honors outstand high school seniors with at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean descent who demonstrate exceptional leadership, scholarship, character and community service. The McDonald's Restaurants of Kentuckiana Black History Makers of Tomorrow scholarship program offers a total of $15,000 to outstanding, emerging high school leaders.

Applications are open and must be postmarked no later than Jan. 15, 2020. For more information, go to http://bit.ly/BHMOTKentuckiana

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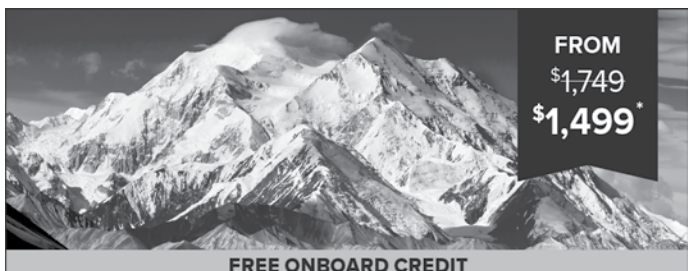

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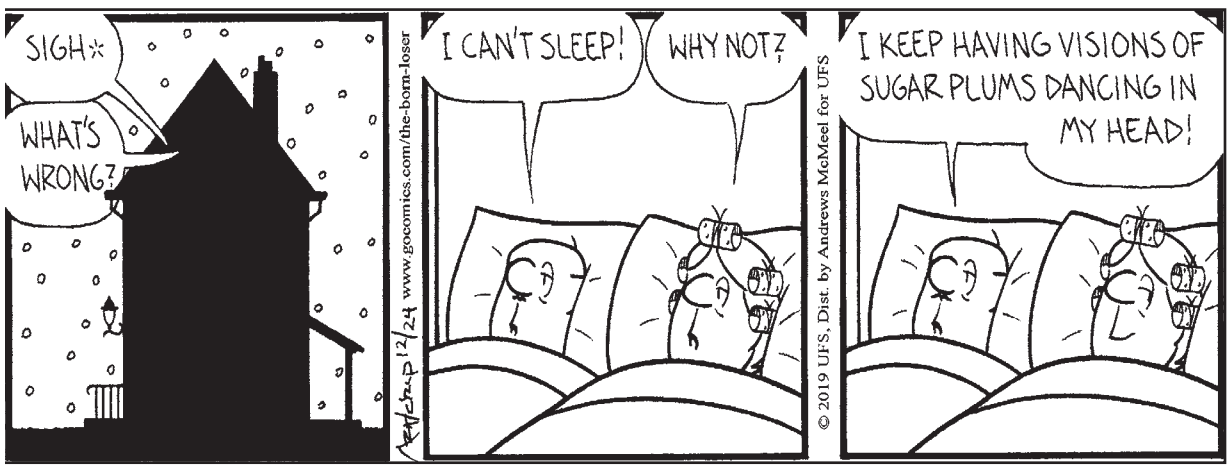

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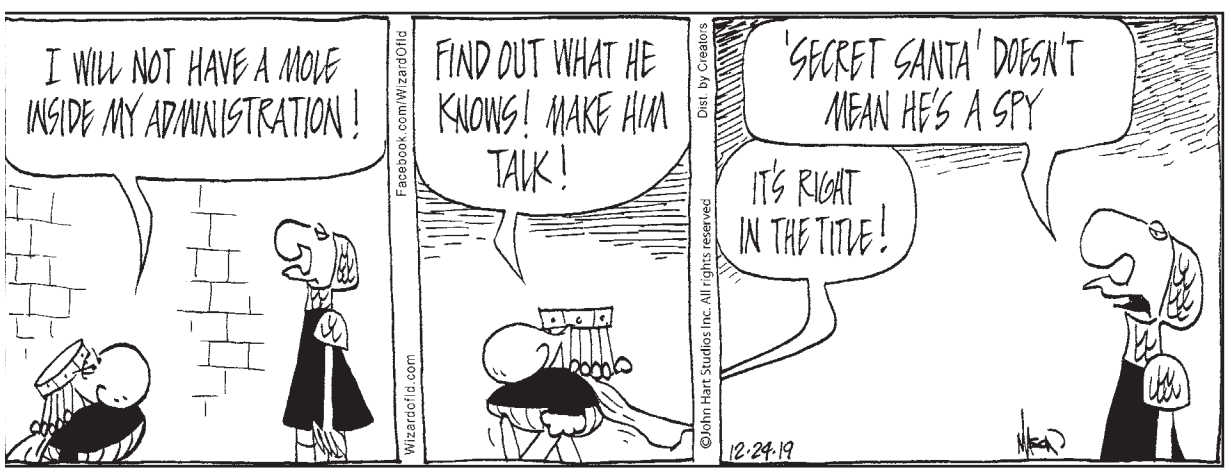
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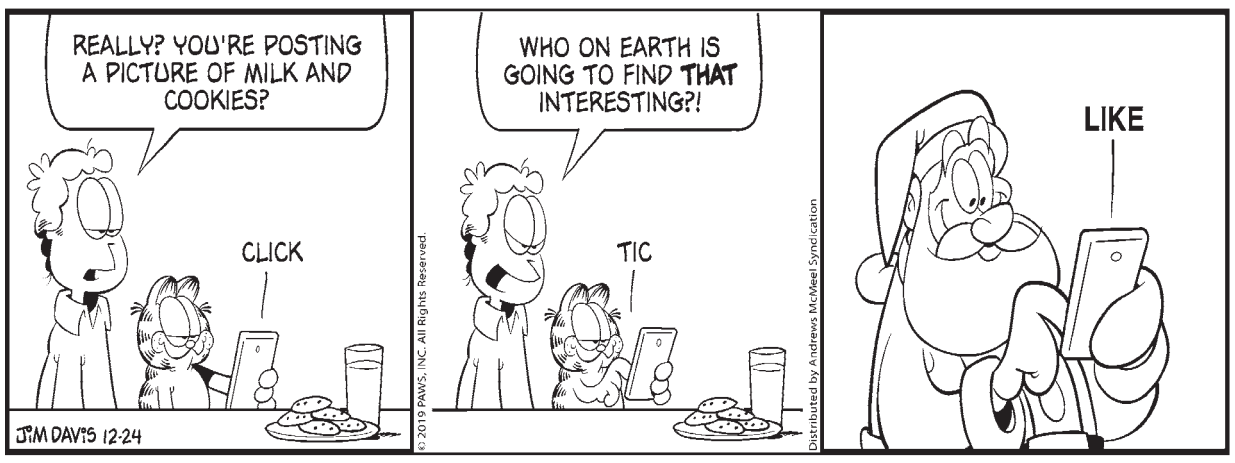
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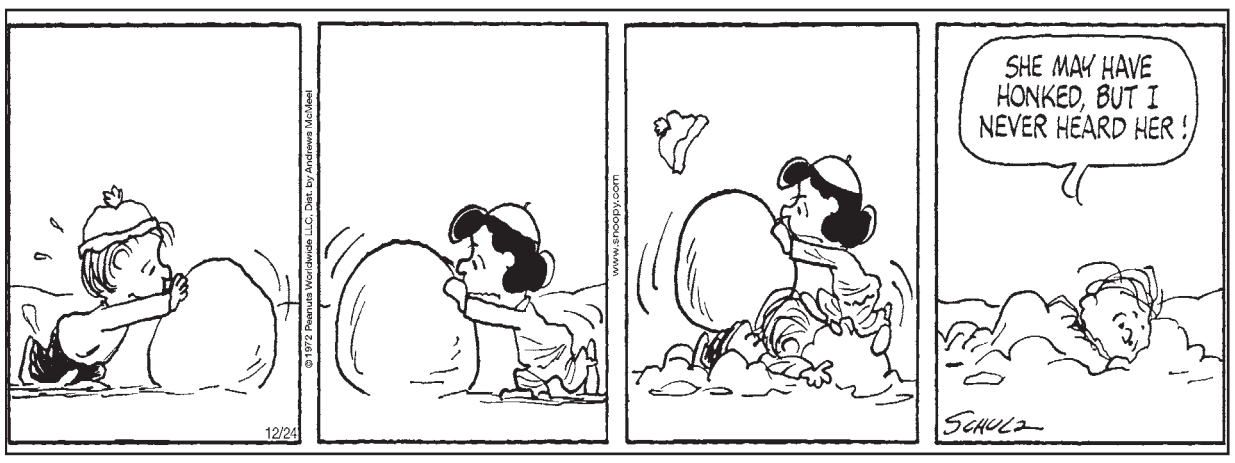

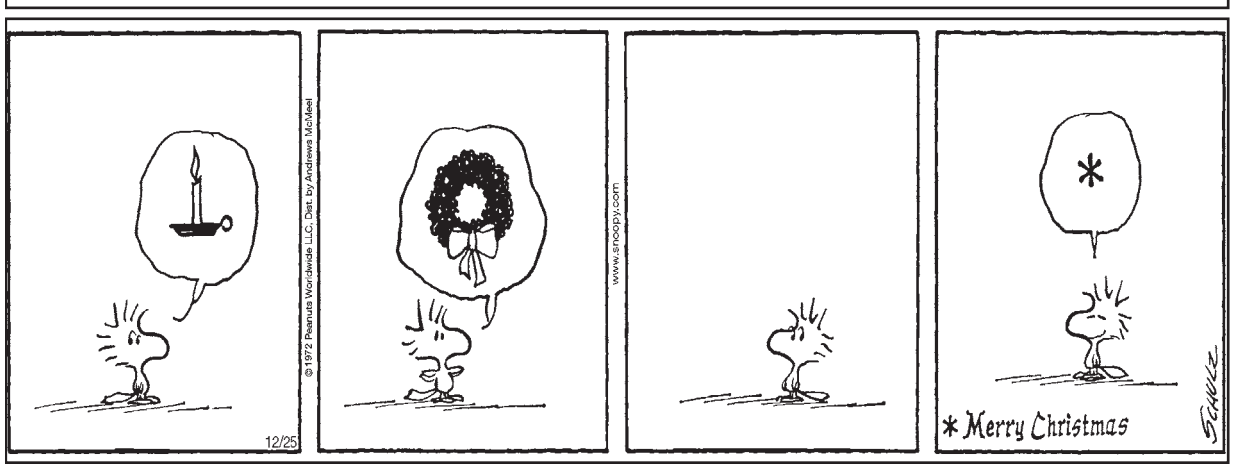

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8 Hearing aid?
9 TV brand
10 Col. superior
13 Sketch
15 Made level
19 Informal wear
22 "— — Excited"
23 Boring person
25 Stratford's river
26 Prohibition (hyph.)
27 Dressed
29 — and outs
30 Road map info
31 Dublin's land
32 Mallard cousin
34 Solution
39 Horned viper
40 Man on a date
42 Swiss artist
44 1836 battle site
45 Was an omen of
47 Wind-driven spray
48 Cheers for toreros
49 Common amphibian
50 Iota
51 Kimono sash
52 RV haven
54 Buckeyes' sch.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Z	E	R	O	■	B	A	T	■	H	O	L	E
E	M	I	R	■	A	L	E	■	O	G	E	E
N	U	M	B	■	K	A	N	G	A	R	O	O
■	S	E	I	N	E	S	■	O	R	E	S	■
■	■	■	T	A	R	■	L	A	S	■	■	■
C	H	E	E	P	■	M	E	L	E	E	S	■
H	E	E	D	■	E	O	N	S	■	K	E	A
I	R	K	■	H	I	L	O	■	H	E	L	M
■	A	S	C	E	N	D	■	S	A	D	L	Y
■	■	■	A	D	E	■	F	E	M	■	■	■
■	W	I	N	G	■	T	I	T	L	E	D	■
T	A	S	T	E	F	U	L	■	E	P	I	C
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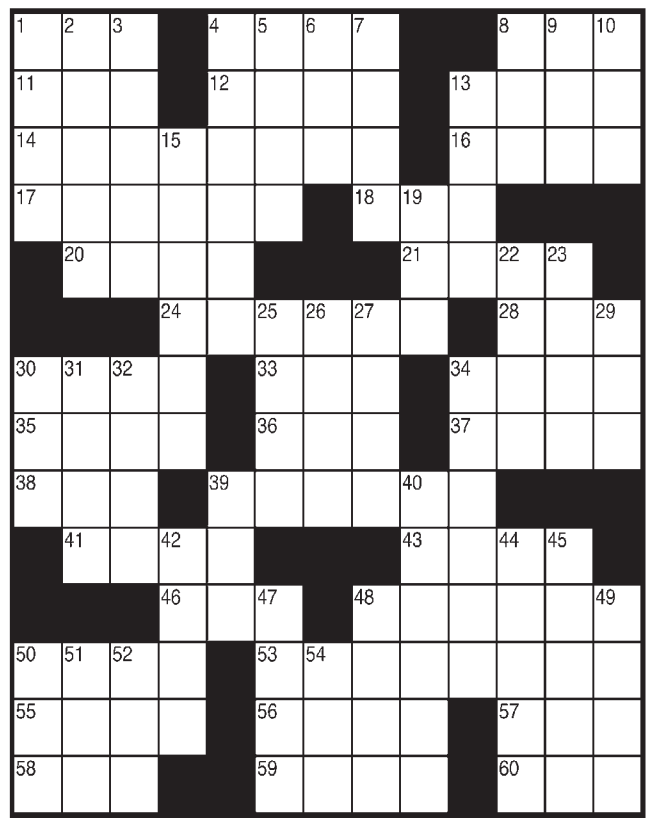

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Tall and thin
6 Walk the beat
12 Put a crease in
14 Archimedes' shout
15 Energetic
16 Prim and proper
17 Simian
18 Stockholm carrier
19 Cease
21 — alai
23 "I" trouble
26 Tijuana "Mrs."
27 Musical notes
28 Parboil
30 Bran source
31 Pecs' neighbors
32 Chopin piece
33 From Bali
35 And so forth
37 Spies' org.
38 Song-and-dance show
39 Go bad
40 Chick's mother
41 Cheerful color
42 Educational org.
43 Soap pad brand
44 Club for GIs
46 Took a load off
48 Frolic
51 Soup bowl
55 Revenue
56 Every January
57 Made a profit
58 Sheet music line

DOWN

1 Rapper — Kim
2 Jackie's second
3 Dec. neighbor
4 Work, as clay
5 Shrill bark
6 Soft drink brand
7 Subtle glow
8 Cut in thirds
9 In medias —
10 Gives the go-ahead
11 Make a bet
13 Salon offering (2 wds.)
19 Whiteboard need
20 Local
22 State confidently
24 Argentine cowboy
25 Vintage tunes
26 Increase sharply
27 Hamlet, e.g.
28 Splinter group
29 College official
34 Birders' society
36 Nice and warm
42 Plied a gondola
43 Wander
45 A portion of
47 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author
48 Rock band booking
49 Literary compilation
50 1,101, in ancient Rome
52 Go wrong
53 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
54 Big Apple

Answer to Previous Puzzle

N	I	B	■	X	R	A	Y	■	■	E	R	G
A	D	O	■	A	U	T	O	■	L	A	C	E
R	E	R	E	N	T	E	D	■	I	R	A	N
C	A	N	V	A	S	■	A	T	M	■	■	■
■	S	E	E	D	■	■	■	E	N	I	D	■
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T	I	E	D	■	O	N	A	■	N	O	G	S
E	R	A	■	A	N	O	D	E	S	■	■	■
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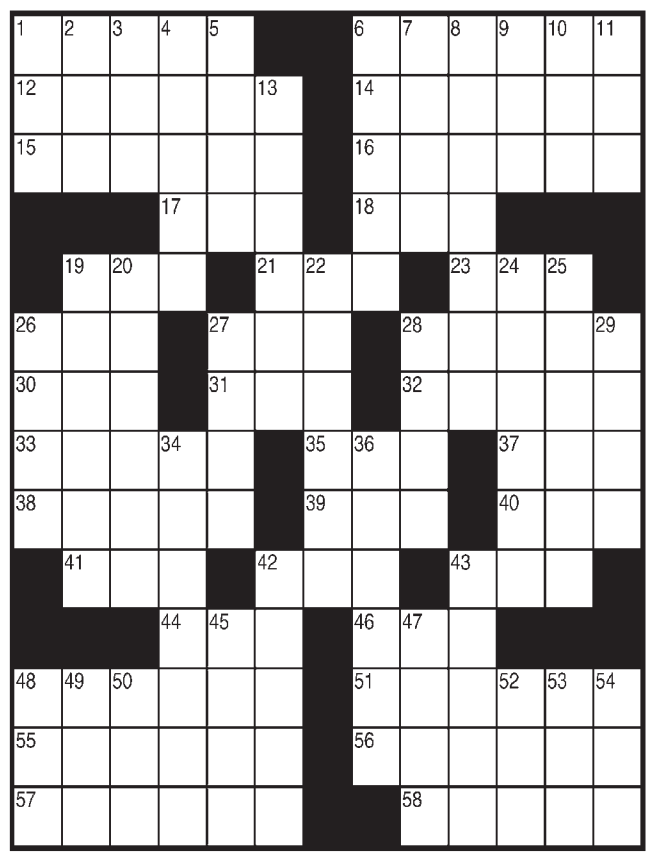

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SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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		6		7	1	5		
4		2	5				7	1
6	9	7		3	2			8
		4		9		3		
3			6	4		2	1	9
7	2				4	8		6
		9	7	6		1		
5			2	1	8			

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	1	3	8	7	6	2	5	4
7	5	8	1	2	4	3	9	6
2	4	6	9	5	3	7	8	1
3	2	4	7	8	9	6	1	5
6	7	1	2	4	5	8	3	9
5	8	9	3	6	1	4	2	7
8	9	2	4	1	7	5	6	3
4	3	5	6	9	8	1	7	2
1	6	7	5	3	2	9	4	8

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

				3	8		2	
		5		9				
8			5	2			1	7
3		2		5	1		4	
5				7				8
	1		8	4		2		5
7	9			8	5			1
				1		3		
	5		4	6				

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	7	5	4	2	9	6	8	3
9	8	6	3	7	1	5	4	2
4	3	2	5	8	6	9	7	1
6	9	7	1	3	2	4	5	8
2	1	4	8	9	5	3	6	7
3	5	8	6	4	7	2	1	9
7	2	1	9	5	4	8	3	6
8	4	9	7	6	3	1	2	5
5	6	3	2	1	8	7	9	4

BRIDGE

TWO POSSIBILITIES DOUBLE THE CHANCES

Victor Borge quipped, "I only know two pieces; one is 'Clair de Lune,' and the other one isn't."

In today's deal, South has two chances to make his small slam; one works, and the other one doesn't. What are they? West leads the diamond king against six hearts. What should declarer do?

When North made a three-heart game-invitational limit raise, South control-bid three spades to show first-round control in that suit and express interest in a slam. North, with two aces, was happy to control-bid four clubs. Then South bid what he thought he could make.

The declarer saw potential losers in each major suit. If the spade finesse was winning, he had to hold his trump losers to one. But if the spade finesse was losing, he had to avoid a trump loser. So, South won the first trick with dummy's diamond ace and immediately played a spade to his queen.

If the finesse had lost, declarer would have cashed the heart ace, hoping an opponent had a singleton king. But when the finesse won, he had two choices in the trump suit. He could have led a low heart from his hand, planning to play dummy's queen unless West won with the king. Instead, though, because it gave declarer a chance at an overtrick, he crossed to the club ace and led a trump from the board. If East had a singleton king, South would collect the overtrick. Here, however, South covered East's five with his six. When it held, declarer cashed the heart ace and conceded one trick.

HO, HO, HO! SANTA AND 10 BRIDGE TRICKS

I hope all of my readers have a really fun time over the holidays.

Now for this year's competition.

1. How should South play in four spades after West leads the heart queen? Do not be influenced by the given East-West hands. They will change when I give the answers to questions 1 and 2 in my column on Friday, Jan. 31.

2. Propose an auction starting with South, assuming East-West pass throughout.

3. How would the bidding proceed if East were the dealer?

4. Look only at the North hand. What should North do after: a. West deals and opens two hearts, a weak two-bid? b. South opens one heart, and West overcalls two diamonds?

5. Look only at the East hand. North opens one no-trump. a. What should East do? b. Whatever East calls, South jumps to three no-trump. What should East lead?

6. Look only at the South hand. What should South do after: a. North opens one heart, and East passes? b. East opens one spade(!)?

7. Look only at the West hand. What should West do after: a. North opens one diamond, East makes a takeout double, and South responds one spade? b. East opens two hearts, a weak two-bid, and South makes a takeout double?

Mail your entry to Phillip Alder, c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut Street, Kansas City, MO 64106 to arrive by Jan. 20, 2020. Or email it to phillip@bridgeforeveryone.com.

North 12-24-19
♠ 9 6
♥ Q 8 7 4
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ A 10 5

West: ♠ 8 5 4 2 ♥ — ♦ K Q J 7 2 ♣ 9 6 4 3
East: ♠ K 10 7 3 ♥ K J 5 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ 8 7 2

South
♠ A Q J
♥ A 10 9 6 3 2
♦ 9
♣ K Q J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

North 12-25-19
♠ K Q 10 8 6 3
♥ 8
♦ 5 4 2
♣ 5 3 2

West: ♠ 2 ♥ Q J 9 7 4 ♦ 7 6 ♣ 10 8 7 6 4
East: ♠ 5 ♥ K 10 5 3 2 ♦ K Q 10 9 ♣ K J 9

South
♠ A J 9 7 4
♥ A 6
♦ A J 8 3
♣ A Q

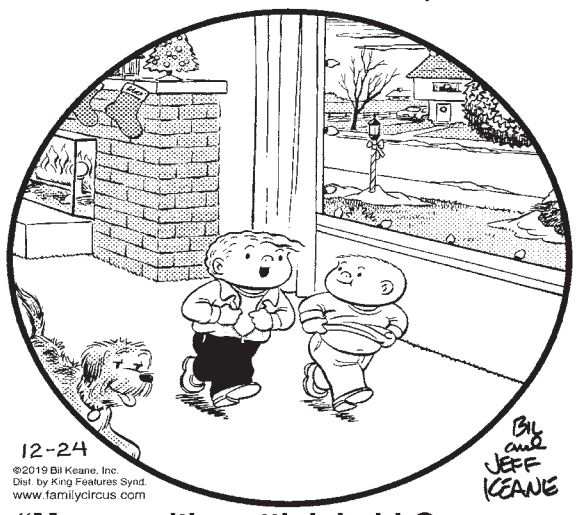
Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

FAMILY CIRCUS

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Mommy, it's gettin' dark! Guess we better get into our swaddling clothes like You-Know-Who."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

CIPHER

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"NJHU W SWVTI JHEVP HZFWT' FYWDH ... JHEVWUR JWG SYV IJH SWVTI IWGH NET ZWBH OLTIWUR YLI YS XEWZ."
— OYO PKZEU

Previous Solution: "Music ... it's pure and it's real. It moves, it heals, it communicates and does all these incredible things." — Tom Petty

TODAY'S CLUE: I = sjenba X

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"NLDEN VOP IRDDF CGZDEN. ... Z VMTVFN SPMZPYPX CGVC CGP OZEGC NLDE VC CGP OZEGC BLBPDC JLRMX JGVDEP GZNCLOF." — KPCP NPPEPO

Previous Solution: "When I first heard Elvis' voice ... hearing him for the first time was like busting out of jail." — Bob Dylan

TODAY'S CLUE: B = sjenba S

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Not watertight
6 Lintel companions
11 Open-air lobbies
12 Trailer rental (hyph.)
13 Tender
15 Make certain
16 Pekoe pouch (2 wds.)
18 Midwest st.
19 Once named
21 Gear tooth
22 Drying oven
23 Luau number
25 Milk amts.
28 "Witness" extras
30 Berlin article
31 Way of Lao-tzu
32 Realty offering
33 Strange sighting
35 View from Giza
37 Storm center
38 Culinary directive
40 Catch sight of
41 Spleen
42 Hobby ender
43 Egg — yung
46 Post
48 Acclimate
50 Varmint
54 Turned white
55 Viewpoint
56 In a devious manner
57 Arizona town

DOWN

1 Trail behind
2 Bastille Day season
3 Prince Valiant's eldest
4 Tiny tabbies
5 Connecticut campus
6 Freud contemporary
7 Happy sighs
8 Neighbor of Oahu
9 Friction injury
10 Travel on snow
14 Per
15 Bird of prey
17 Ladies' rooms
19 Mr. Spock
20 Ritzy group
22 Hardy green
24 Curve
25 Swabs (hyph.)
26 Mystic deck
27 Chimney dust
29 Wheel part
34 Palm off
36 Silly
39 Spunky movie princess
43 Vain dudes
44 Unwritten test
45 Insincerely nice
46 Amos' radio partner
47 Annoying insect
49 Japanese delicacy
51 Paramount rival
52 Climber's challenge
53 Gypsy Rose —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	A	N	K	Y			P	A	T	R	O	L
I	R	O	N	E	D		E	U	R	E	K	A
L	I	V	E	L	Y		P	R	I	S	S	Y
			A	P	E		S	A	S			
	E	N	D		J	A	I		E	G	O	
S	R	A		D	O	S		S	C	A	L	D
O	A	T		A	B	S		E	T	U	D	E
A	S	I	A	N		E	T	C		C	I	A
R	E	V	U	E		R	O	T		H	E	N
	R	E	D		P	T	A		S	O	S	
			U	S	O		S	A	T			
G	A	M	B	O	L		T	U	R	E	E	N
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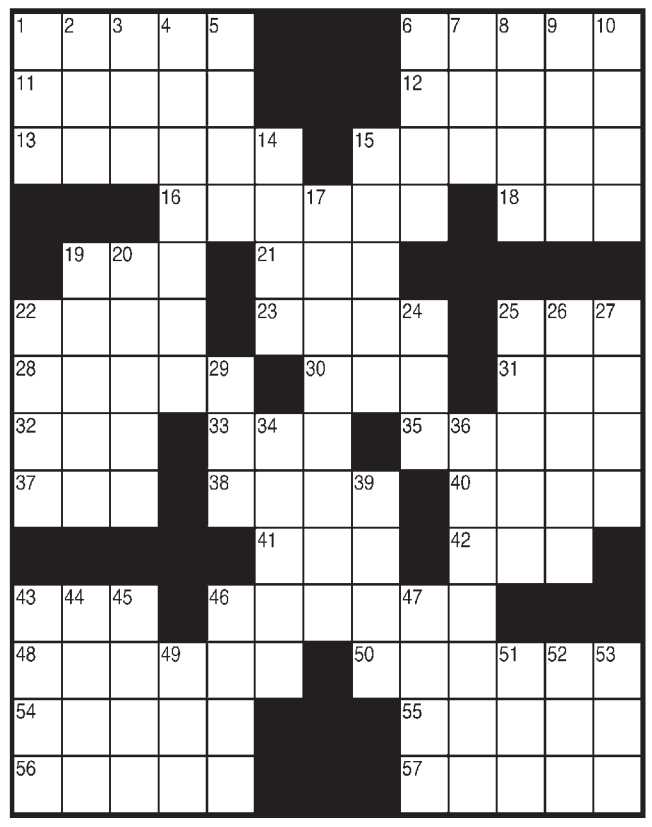

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ACROSS

1 Watch chain
4 UK network
7 Col. Sanders' place
10 Mont. neighbor
11 Bring up a child
13 Burr-Hamilton contest
14 Zilch
15 Gluck of opera
16 Novelist — Ferber
17 Spock's lack
19 Physique
20 Compass pt.
21 Windshield material
23 Composer — Stravinsky
26 Vestibule
28 Not worth a —
29 Blond shade
30 Use the rink
34 Virtuous
36 Execs
38 Was victorious
39 Hair tint
41 Telescope part
42 Egg part
44 Be billed
46 Remarks
47 Tries too hard
51 Hookah
52 Luggage IDs
53 Flock member
55 Roman greetings
56 Salon sound
57 Small fry
58 Sz. option
59 Interstate sign
60 CIA operative

DOWN

1 Shark part
2 Fat cat's friend
3 Salve
4 Unruly kids
5 Convictions
6 Army wear
7 Accolades
8 Wards (off)
9 Soil component
12 Tall and lanky
13 Go ashore
18 Donne's "done"
22 For fear that
23 Dogma
24 Slime
25 Not their
27 Resistance units
29 Got off
31 Astonish
32 Freight unit
33 Printer's measures
35 Greets a new day
37 The Peach State
40 Cozy dwellings
41 Garland
42 Dispense with
43 Overpraised
45 Stinging insects
46 Email nuisance
48 Astronaut's ade
49 Party fabrics
50 Trade
54 Ben & Jerry rival

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	E	A	K	Y			J	A	M	B	S	
A	T	R	I	A			U	H	A	U	L	
G	E	N	T	L	E		E	N	S	U	R	E
			T	E	A	B	A	G		I	N	D
	N	E	E		C	O	G					
K	I	L	N		H	U	L	A		Q	T	S
A	M	I	S	H		D	E	R		T	A	O
L	O	T		U	F	O		C	A	I	R	O
E	Y	E		B	O	I	L		S	P	O	T
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F	O	O		A	S	S	I	G	N			
O	R	I	E	N	T		A	N	I	M	A	L
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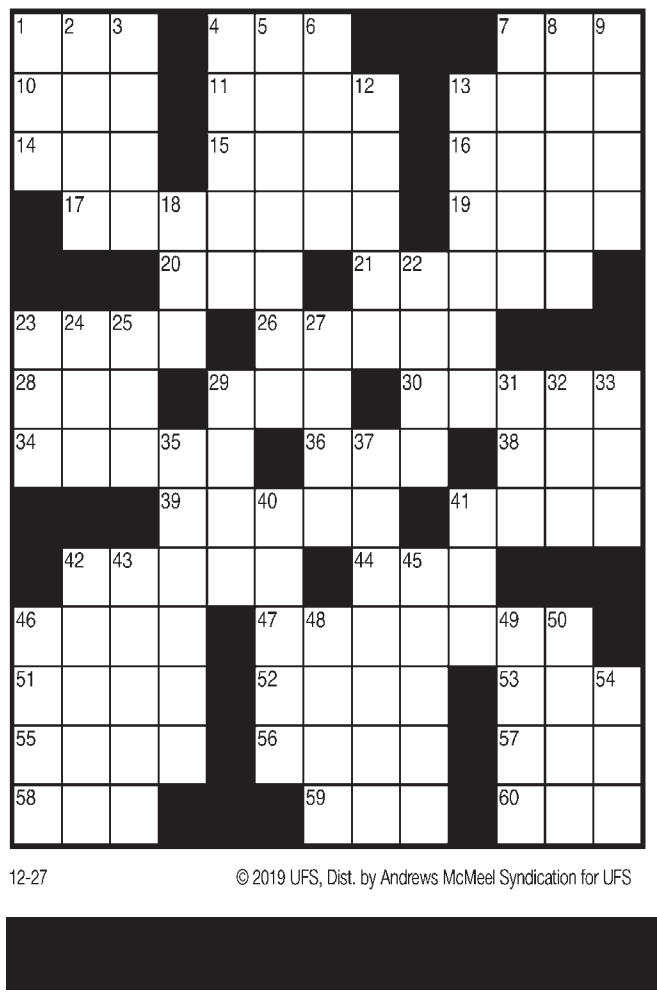

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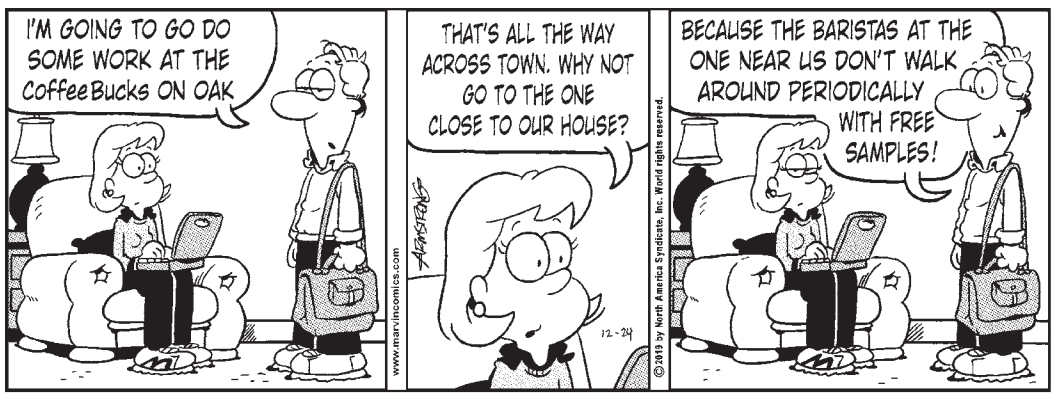
I'M GOING TO GO DO SOME WORK AT THE Coffee Bucks ON OAK
THAT'S ALL THE WAY ACROSS TOWN. WHY NOT GO TO THE ONE CLOSE TO OUR HOUSE?
BECAUSE THE BARISTAS AT THE ONE NEAR US DON'T WALK AROUND PERIODICALLY WITH FREE SAMPLES!
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO WEAR THESE ADORABLE REINDEER ANTLERS NEXT CHRISTMAS?
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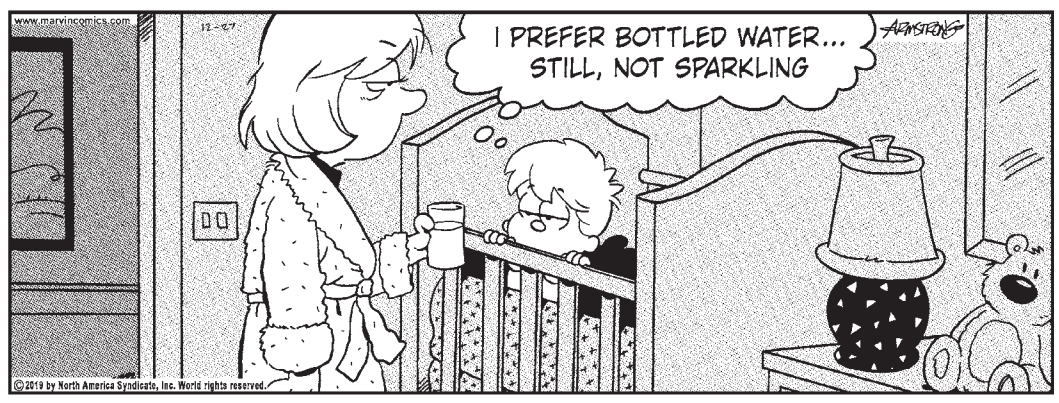

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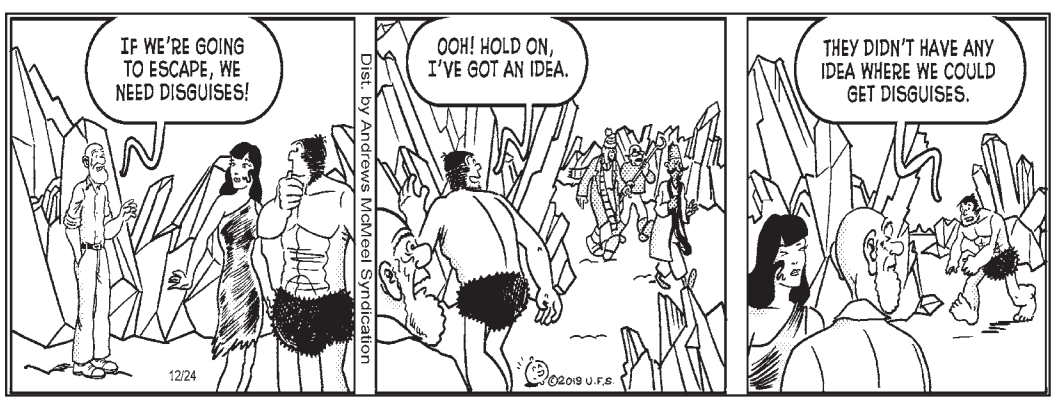
IF WE'RE GOING TO ESCAPE, WE NEED DISGUISES!
OOH! HOLD ON, I'VE GOT AN IDEA.
THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE WE COULD GET DISGUISES.
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I GOT US DISGUISES.
WHERE DID YOU GET THEM?
WELL, FIRST I WENT TO THAT STORE OVER THERE.
DIS GUY'S DISGUISES
BUT IT TURNED OUT THEY WERE CLOSED, SO I WENT TO "DISGUISE THE LIMIT" ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN.
WAS IT HARD TO FIND?
NOT AT ALL. I COULD SEE IT FROM A MILE AWAY!
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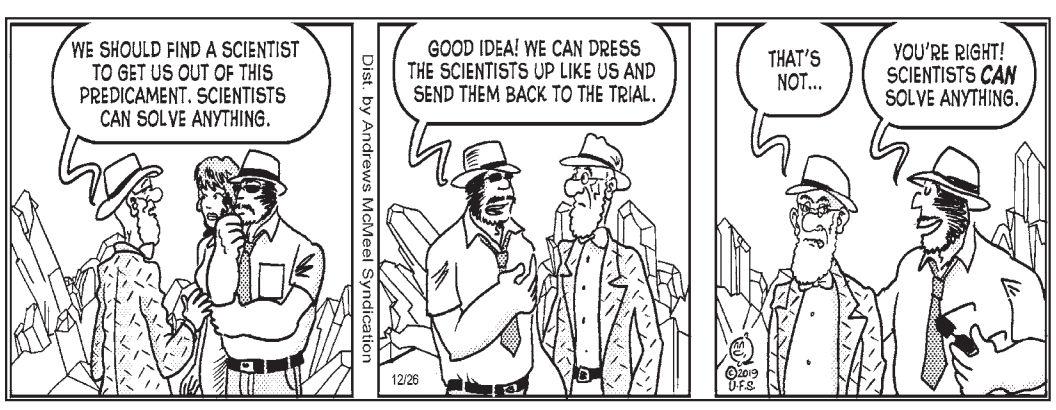
WE SHOULD FIND A SCIENTIST TO GET US OUT OF THIS PREDICAMENT. SCIENTISTS CAN SOLVE ANYTHING.
GOOD IDEA! WE CAN DRESS THE SCIENTISTS UP LIKE US AND SEND THEM BACK TO THE TRIAL.
THAT'S NOT...
YOU'RE RIGHT! SCIENTISTS CAN SOLVE ANYTHING.
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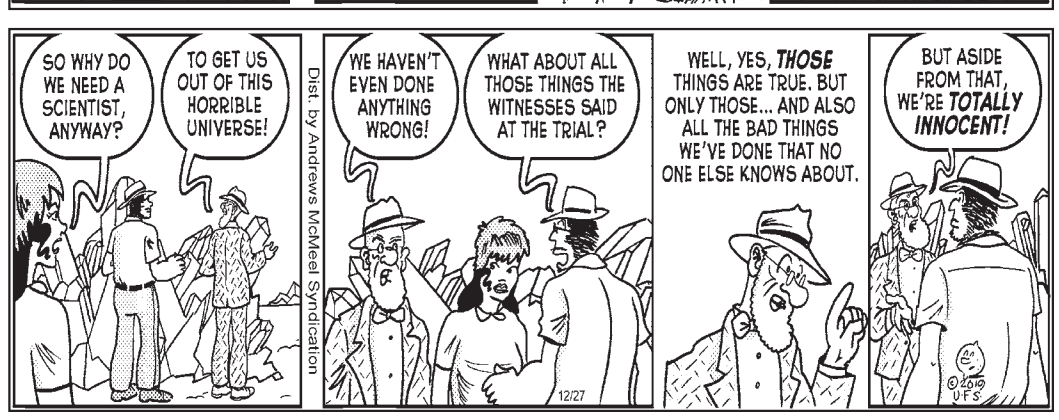
SO WHY DO WE NEED A SCIENTIST, ANYWAY?
TO GET US OUT OF THIS HORRIBLE UNIVERSE!
WE HAVEN'T EVEN DONE ANYTHING WRONG!
WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE THINGS THE WITNESSES SAID AT THE TRIAL?
WELL, YES, THOSE THINGS ARE TRUE. BUT ONLY THOSE... AND ALSO ALL THE BAD THINGS WE'VE DONE THAT NO ONE ELSE KNOWS ABOUT.
BUT ASIDE FROM THAT, WE'RE TOTALLY INNOCENT!
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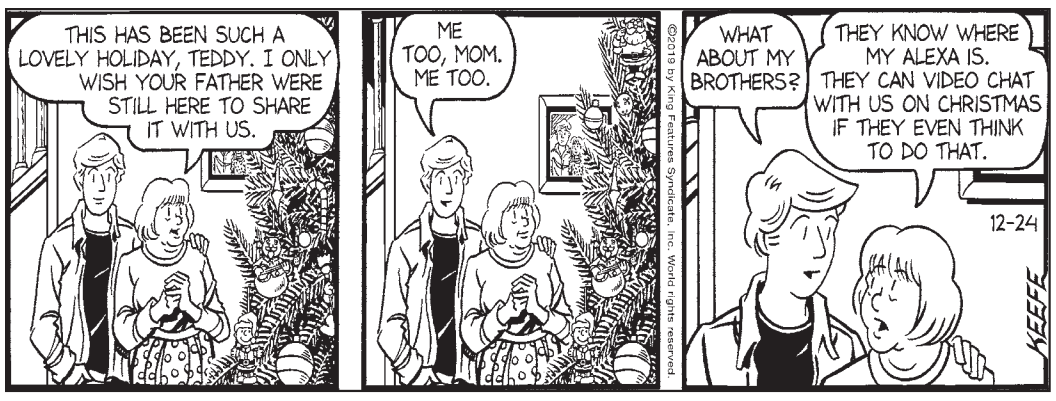
SALLY FORTH


THIS HAS BEEN SUCH A LOVELY HOLIDAY, TEDDY. I ONLY WISH YOUR FATHER WERE STILL HERE TO SHARE IT WITH US.
ME TOO, MOM. ME TOO.
WHAT ABOUT MY BROTHERS?
THEY KNOW WHERE MY ALEXA IS. THEY CAN VIDEO CHAT WITH US ON CHRISTMAS IF THEY EVEN THINK TO DO THAT.
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KEEFE
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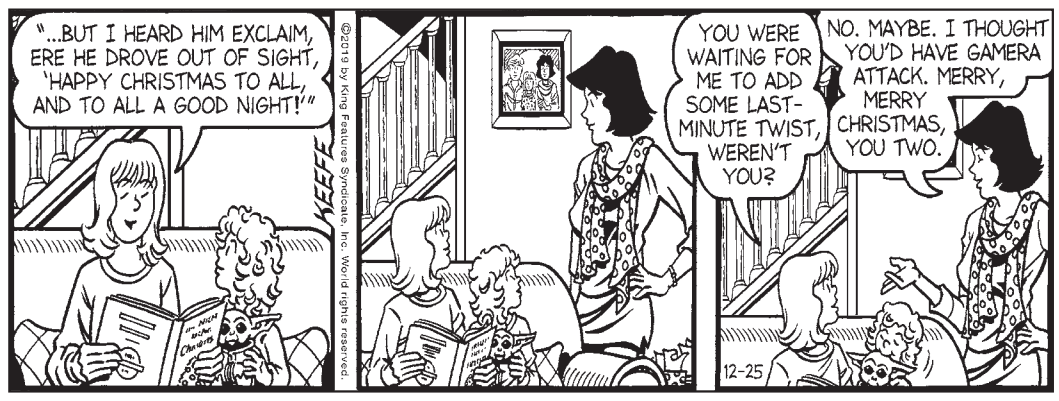
"...BUT I HEARD HIM EXCLAIM, ERE HE DROVE OUT OF SIGHT, 'HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!'"
YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME TO ADD SOME LAST-MINUTE TWIST, WEREN'T YOU?
NO. MAYBE. I THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE GAMERA ATTACK. MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS, YOU TWO.
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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR THE NINTENDO SWITCH LITE, GRANDMA!
SO HAPPY YOU LIKE IT, SWEETIE
MOM, HIL ALREADY HAS A VIDEO GAME CONSOLE.
THAT ONE HAS NOTHING BUT EXPLOSIONS AND WARFARE. THIS ONE COMES WITH THE LOVELY-SOUNDING "UNTITLED GOOSE GAME."
THE GOOSE IN THAT GAME ATTACKS, MENACES AND TERRORIZES AN ENTIRE POPULACE.
IN AN ENGLISH SETTING! SO IT'S CHARMING! JUST LIKE ALL THOSE MURDERS IN "ROSEMARY & THYME."
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I'M SO HAPPY YOU COULD SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH US, JEANIE!
ME TOO! I HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL TIME!
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU REORGANIZED EVERYTHING IN THE KITCHEN.
I LEFT BEHIND A DETAILED MAP.
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THINK... THINK... THINK...
JEREMY, IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN MAKE A THOUGHTFUL GIFT FOR SARA BY TOMORROW!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MOM.
IF WE TAKE "THOUGHTFUL" OFF THE TABLE, IT TOTALLY OPENS UP THE POSSIBILITIES!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
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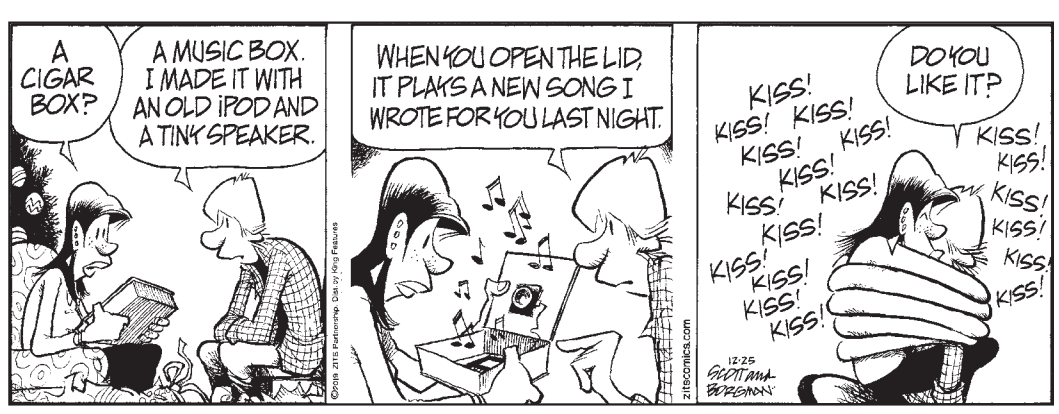
A CIGAR BOX?
A MUSIC BOX. I MADE IT WITH AN OLD iPOD AND A TINY SPEAKER.
WHEN YOU OPEN THE LID, IT PLAYS A NEW SONG I WROTE FOR YOU LAST NIGHT.
DO YOU LIKE IT?
KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS! KISS!
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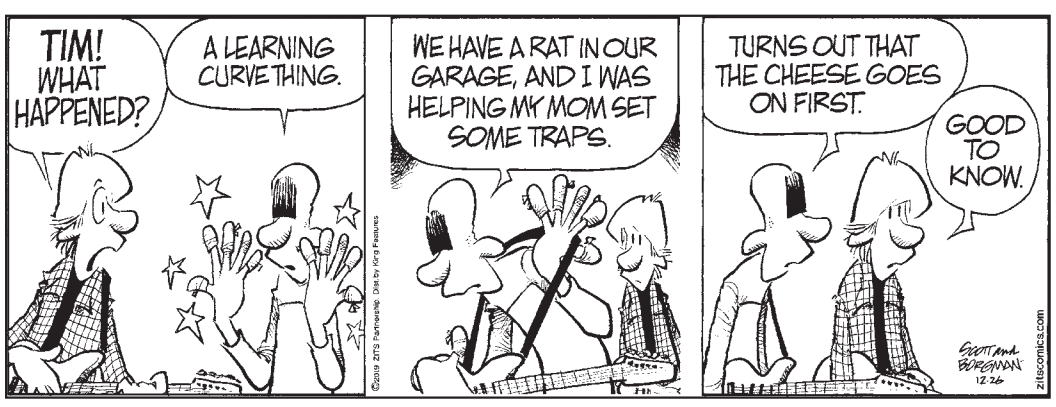
TIM! WHAT HAPPENED?
A LEARNING CURVE THING.
WE HAVE A RAT IN OUR GARAGE, AND I WAS HELPING MY MOM SET SOME TRAPS.
TURNS OUT THAT THE CHEESE GOES ON FIRST.
GOOD TO KNOW.
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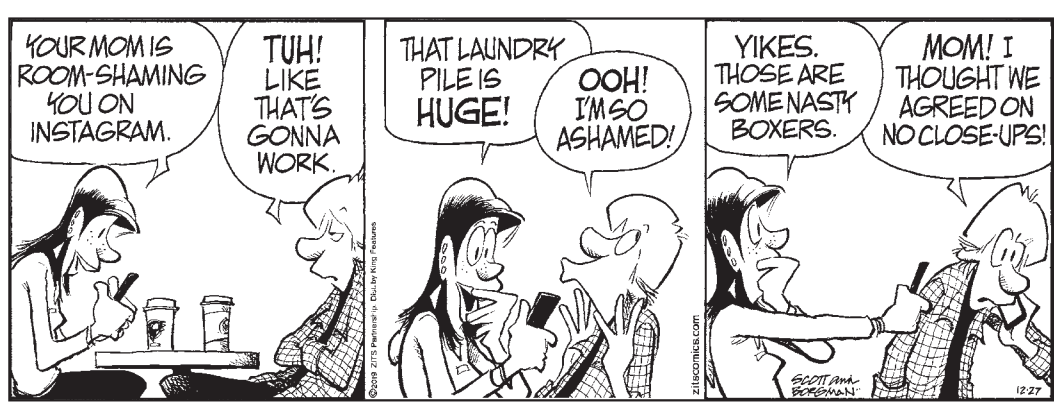
YOUR MOM IS ROOM-SHAMING YOU ON INSTAGRAM.
TUH! LIKE THAT'S GONNA WORK.
THAT LAUNDRY PILE IS HUGE!
OOH! I'M SO ASHAMED!
YIKES. THOSE ARE SOME NASTY BOXERS.
MOM! I THOUGHT WE AGREED ON NO CLOSE-UPS!
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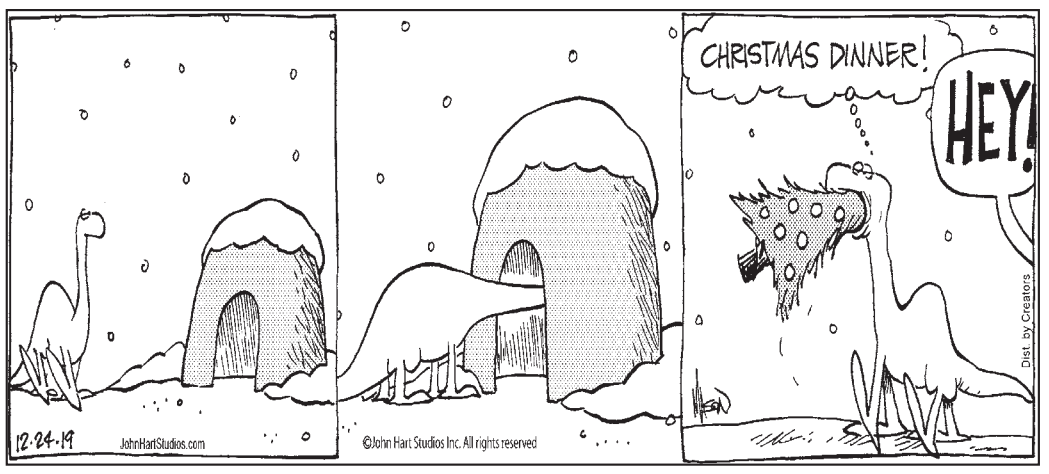

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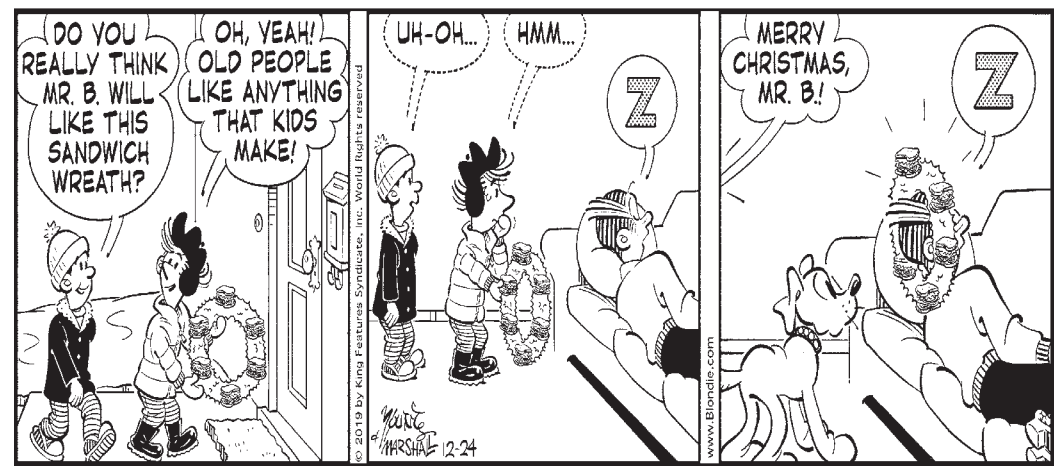
DO YOU REALLY THINK MR. B. WILL LIKE THIS SANDWICH WREATH?
OH, YEAH! OLD PEOPLE LIKE ANYTHING THAT KIDS MAKE!
UH-OH...
HMM...
Z
MERRY CHRISTMAS, MR. B.!
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Giving but not receiving during Holidays

Annie Lane

Dear Annie: As we enter the holiday season, I am unsure the etiquette around gift-giving. I know the old saying that it's better to give than to receive; however, as I age, I find myself giving and giving, and not receiving much of anything. Even a simple thank-you or a small sign of appreciation for my gifts is missing. I would like to be above feeling sad about this lack of recognition, but I am not. It does make me sad.

I would like to start to cut these people out of my holiday generosity, but then I feel that it may impact those around them. For instance, some are nieces and nephews and it may hurt my siblings if I'm not recognizing their (grown) children. And neither my siblings nor my nieces and nephews recognize this generosity. At this point, I'm not even sure they'd realize I didn't get them presents this holiday.

Is there a good way to end my cycle of unrecognized gift-giving? Please help me. — Underappreciated Giver

Dear Underappreciated Giver: You are correct that it's better to give than to receive, but that's because seeing the happiness our gifts cause should bring us mutual joy. It sounds like those receiving your gifts aren't sharing their joy, and that is hurting you.

There are plenty of families and organizations that are in need of support and resources throughout the holiday season, and I recommend you redirect your efforts to those who will appreciate your generosity. In lieu of presents to ungrateful family and friends, send a holiday card letting them know that you've decided to donate to an organization in their honor or name. If you'd still like to send something more, bake some holiday treats to pass along a little homemade love. You'll get plenty of appreciation from the organization you support, and you'll know not to expect it from your family.

To all my readers, remember to hug, call or write those who shared their generosity with you, and let them know you appreciate them.

Dear Annie: My father was physically abusive to me when I was a child. When I was a teenager, he was distant and emotionally abusive.

As a result, I was extremely depressed for most of my life, with no sense of self-worth. I confronted him when I was an adult, and he tried to explain why he was that way, but he never apologized.

Now he is 93, lives in a nursing home and probably won't be alive much longer. I would like to get closure by telling him how much his behavior damaged my life, but I know it would hurt him at the end of his. Should I get the closure I have needed all my life, or should I keep it to myself to spare his feelings? — Still Hurting

Dear Still Hurting: I am so sorry that you had to endure both physical and emotional abuse from the man who was supposed to be your hero. It is understandable that his actions affected your self-esteem. Through good therapy and a supportive network, I am hopeful that you can put the suffering in the past. Confronting your father will not necessarily bring you closure.

The real person you have to "confront" is the little child who was hurt. Tell her that your father's abuse had nothing to do with her. Nothing she did wrong. It had everything to do with her father and his troubles. Show her as much love and compassion as you possibly can, and, from there, you will be on the road to healing.

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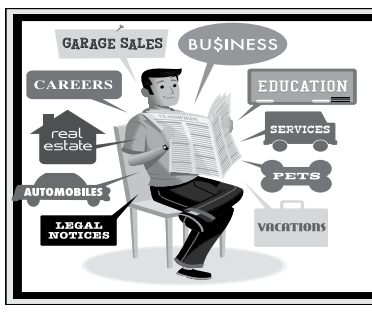

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